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May 29th 1852

The City Council met this the 29th day of May 1852

Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Bell. Buttrick
Sailor, Cutter
And Bolmar, -

The assessment Book for the Current Year being under Consideration, after discussion It was Ordered, that in the opinion of the Council the Valuation of property as returned by the assessor is too low, -

Mr Bell, City Assessor, handed in his resignation as assessor, which was accepted by the Council,

Ordered, that a Committee be Appointed for the purpose of confering with Mr Bell in relation to his Services as City assessor, Messrs. Porter Cutter were appointed Said Committee -

No 438 $12.50 Ordered, That J. H. Hatch be allowed the Sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents, rent for the Quarter ending April 30th 1852,

Nos. 439. 440 441. 442 443 444 $1. Each Ordered That the following named persons be allowed the Sum of One Dollar each for acting as Judges of the last election,

439. M W Conway -$1 — 440 T. D. Barnes $1 - 441 Jacob Sailor $1 — 442 E Parker $1 —

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443 Harrison Boggus $1 = 444 Wm P Klopper $1 –

Nos. 445 – Ordered. That the following named
446. & 447 persons be allowed the sum of One dollar
each for acting as Clerks of the last
$ 1. Each Election 445 A. H. Phillips – $1 – 446 Jno McMoran $1.
447 George Haller $1 –

The Subject of applying to the Legis-lature for a Ferry Charter from this City to the City of Davenport Iowa, was laid on the table

No 448 Ordered. That R. P. Wilkinson be allowed
$10 00 the sum of ten Dollars.

No 449 Ordered. That the Witnesses in the Wilson
$ 42 00 Case's in Stark County – be allowed the
sum of Forty two Dollars

The Council adjd to meet on Monday Evening the 31st inst –

A. F. Cutter
Clerk pro tem

Monday. May 31st 1852,
The Council met pursuant to adjournment,
Present. His honor the Mayor
Alderman - Bell. Buttrick Sailor
Cutter, Bolmar. Porter,

Ordered, That as the top of the grade stakes is the established grade of the City, that in the construction of the side walks the curb stone shall be of the same heighth as the top of the stakes, and that the side walks shall be made so as to conform in heighths -

The Ayes and nays being called for. were as follows.

Yeas. - Sailor. Bell. Buttrick
Bolmar. Porter
Nays. Cutter

John Dailey was elected Supervisor for the lower road district

No 481
2,00

Ordered, That John W Spencer Jr be allowed the sum of Two dollars and fifty cents for attending gate

Mr James Boyle was elected assessor in the place of Mr Bell resigned,

The Council adjd until Tuesday Evening June 1st 1852,

A. F. Cutter
Clerk Pro tem,

Tuesday Evening. June 1st 1852,

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. Alderman Bell. Buttrick
" " Bolmar. Sailor
" and Cutter,

The Mayor being absent Mr Bell was appointed Mayor pro tem. -

Mr Boyle who was elected City assessor at the last meeting of the Council having declined to act in said Capacity the Council proceeded to Elect an assessor for the city and the votes having been counted Cornelius Lynde Sr. was declared elected to fill said office -

Ordered that the election of Side walk Commissioner be postponed until the next meeting of the Council, and that a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to Select a Suitable person for said office, - -

The Mayor appointed. Bolmar, Sailor and Cutter said Committee,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor. to act as a board of health - Whose duty it shall be to See that the health of the city. as far as it regards cleanliness, nuisances &a is attended to - Porter, Buttrick & Cutter were appointed said Committee - -

Ordered, That the time, allowed in an ordinance passed at a former meeting of the Council for the Completion of the Side-walks mentioned therein, be and the Same hereby is extended until the first Day of August next. -

The Council Adjd. -

C. Wilkinson -
Clerk,

June 19th 1852. -

The Council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor.

Present. Alderman. Sailor, Bell, Buttrick
Cutter, -

Messrs. Parker, Johnson, & Barrett presented the following preamble & resolutions to wit, -
"At a meeting of the Citizens of Rock Island held at the Court House on the 18th Day of June AD 1852, pursuant to a public notice given, E. Parker was chosen Chairman, and P. B. Gorton, Secretary - The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chairman, and after remarks made by several Gentleman present, the following resolutions were adopted, - - -

1st Resolved, that the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Island be requested and instructed to pass an order, authorizing the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company to enter the City of Rock Island with their road and to grant the Company the use of any Streets or public grounds, so far as they have the power, for rail road purposes.

2nd Resolved, That a Committee of Six be appointed to present the foregoing resolution of instruction to the mayor and Alderman, and ascertain their willingness to pass such an order, and further that such Committee, ascertain as near as may be the cost of entering the city with the rail road, with the view of locating the Depot somewhere within the Corporate limits of the City, at some point on the Mississippi where there is a good landing for Steamboats. and that they confer with the Committee appointed by the directors to locate the depot, thereupon the following named persons were nominated, and appointed the Committee contempla=ted in the above resolution. M. B. Osborn, B. F. Barrett. M W Conway. Joseph Johnson, John Wilson and E Parker"

Ordered. That the City Council hereby

express their willingness to grant to the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company the right of way for said rail-road, in and through Streets, lanes, avenues, alleys and public grounds within the said City. So far as they, the City Council, have the power.-

The petition of Many citizens praying the Council to apply to the Legislature of the State at its present Special Session for a Ferry Charter from this City to the City of Davenport, Iowa, was on motion laid on the table-

The Bill of G Balliman was referred to the Committee on Claims-

A Communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing papers from Judge Grant was read, and ordered to be filed.-

The following Communications from Judge Grant were read and ordered to be placed on the Minutes, to wit.

"New York 10 June 1852,

To the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Rock Island-

Gentleman. The following is a statement of the manner in which I have disposed of your City Bonds, they are dated June 1st 1852 & there will be five months interest due on the 1st Novem-

-ber. I hope you will in all cases start the interest from Rock Island to the Phoenix Bank at least one month before the first of November and May, or get some of your citizens to arrange with the Bank there to pay it in case the draft for interest should not arrive by the day the Coupons are due

I have procured you a seal with the device required by you at a cost of $20.00 for which you will find a receipt

Your Obt Servt

Jas Grant."

"Jas Grant with City of Rock Island

1852, 10 June,

To proceeds of fifty one thousand dollar ~~bonds~~ bonds	$50.000.00
Premium	625.00
	50.625.00

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By paid A C Flagg, Treasurer, C&RIR, as per two receipts	$50.000.00
Brokers Commission	475.00
Advertising	22,82
Seal for City	20.00
Certificate Deposits C&RRCo for bal	107 18
	$50.625.00

The interest which will be due on the 1st

of November 1852 will be $ 2073.33 1/3
And after that at the end of each six months $ 25.00.00

Office of the Chicago & Rock Island
Rail Road Company.
New York, June 10th 1852.

Received of the City of Rock Island Illinois by the hands of James Grant Esq. Agent of said City Two Certificates of deposit for Twenty five thousand dolls. each. amounting to a total sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50.000.) one of which of said Certificates is payable on the eighth of July 1852, and the other on the eighth of August 1852, both signed by E. W. Clark, Dodge & Co. Which payment of Fifty thousand dollars is in full for fifty thousand dollars of the Capital Stock of the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company taken by said City

A. C. Flagg
Treasurer."

A Second Communication from the Mayor, relative to the Street leading across the Slough on the Camden Road was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

Ordered. That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to confer with the plank

road Company relative to the Subjects Contained in the Message of Mayor last read. and that the remainder of the Message except that concerning the plank Road Company be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Council,
Messrs. Cutter. Porter & Bell. were appointed said Committee,

The Council adjd. until Friday next the 25th inst.

R Wilkinson
Clerk,

June 25th 1852.

A Quorum not being present. the meeting adjd.,
R Wilkinson Clerk

Saturday Evening, July 17th 1852,

The Council met pursuant to Ordinances,
Present. Mayor
Alderman. Bell, Sailor, Buttrick
and. Cutter.

Ordered. That a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to examine the Books & papers belonging to the City and report as soon as practicable

Messrs. Sailor. Cutter & Whitaker were appointed Said Committee.

Ordered. That the Supervisors of the Several road districts be requested to report to the Council at its next Meeting. -

Ordered That the Mayor take charge of. of the books and papers belonging to the city and have a lock put on the office door.

The Council adjd. until Monday the 19th inst.

H. F. Cutter
Clerk, pro, tem

July 25th 1852.

The City Council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor.

Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman. Sailor. Bell. Porter
and Cutter.

The bill of Edward Spencer was referred to the Committee on claims.

No. 450 Ordered. That H. A Porter be allowed the Sum

$3.65 of three dollars and Sixty five cents as per bill filed

Ordered. That a Committee of one be appointed by the Mayor to procure the deed from Mr Spencer for the land bought by the city from him for the extension of Eagle Street

Mr Sailor was appointed said Committeeman.

Ordered. That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and requested to sell the building belonging to the City & known as the city Hospital, Situated below the city -

The Council, on motion adjourned

B Wilkinson Clerk,

Monday, August 2nd 1852,

The City Council met, pursuant to a Call from the Mayor,

Present, — His Honor the Mayor,
Aldermen, Sailor, Cutter, Bolman,
Porter & Buttrick,

The Council proceeded to the election of Side-Walk Commissioner, — The votes having been counted, E. D. Gilbert was declared unanimously elected to fill said office —

Ordered, That a Committee of two be appointed, by the Mayor, to Consult with Mr Gilbert relative to the amount of pay he ought to receive as Side Walk Commissioner —

Messrs. Sailor & Porter, were appointed said Committee,

Ordered, That the time, fixed by the Council at a former meeting, for the Completion of the Side walks mentioned in the Ordinance of February 23rd 1852, be and the Same hereby is extended until the first day of September next,

No 451 $8 34 Ordered, That Benj. J. Cobb be allowed the sum of Eight Dollars and thirty four cents, as per bill filed

The bills of J. H. Hatch, R. Wilkinson and

Cobb & Wilkinson were referred to the Committee on claims.
The Council adjourned until Monday evening, August 9th 1852,

Robt Wilkinson
Clerk, Mayor,

Monday. August 9th 1852,

A Quorum not being present. The meeting adjourned.

Robert Wilkinson
Clerk

Saturday Evening August 14th 1852

The City council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor. Saturday Evening August 14th 1852.

Present. His Honor the Mayor

Alderman. Bolmar. Cutter Sailor and Porter -- Mr Porter was appointed clerk pro tem -

Ordered. That the Marshal be and he hereby is directed to call upon Capt Powars & Wm Frizzell for the amount due the City for the privilege of keeping Wharf boat and Coal on Water Street, and if they refuse to pay said amounts to order them to remove their coal and Wharf boat or boats from said ground.

Mr Cutter Supervisor of the 2nd road district made a partial report. Which was approved, and it was ordered, That he commence suit against all the delinquents within his district.

Ordered, That a Committee of one be appointed by the chair, to act with the Mayor, for the purpose of having the road leading to Camden from Exchange street, raised above high water mark, and that said Committee have power to employ an Engineer to survey the work. and obtain bids for the completion of said work, and report at the next meeting.

Alderman Sailor was appointed said Committee-man,

Ordered. That E D Gilbert be and he hereby is appointed, as a Committee, to examine the present grade, Establish a starting point or bench- and report at the next Meeting of the Council.

the Council adjourned until Wednesday Evening August 18th at 6½ Oclock P.M.

Mayor

Clerk pro tem,

August 18th 1852.

The City Council met this Tuesday Evening August 18th 1852, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Mayor

Alderman Bolmar, Porter, Cutter Sailor and Buttrick

The report of Mr John B Dailey, Supervisor of the 1st road district was read and approved and ordered to be filed.

The account of Mr A Setting for labor done and performed was read and on motion laid on the table.

The bill of Edward Spencer was on motion referred back to the Committee on claims.

Moved. That the rate of tax for the current Year be one fourth of one per cent upon the hundred dollars. of assessed value.

Alderman Sailor moved to amend the motion so as to read one half of one per cent. instead of one fourth of one per cent. -

The vote having been taken on the amendment. it was decided in the negative,

The original motion being called for. was put to vote and decided in the affirmative,

Ordered. That a special tax of one half of one per cent. be and the same hereby is levied. to be collected as other city tax - for the purpose of meeting the interest to become due on the bonds issued by the city to the "Chicago and Rock Island. Rail-Road Company". -

Alderman Buttrick made the following motion.

Moved That the City Marshal be allowed three per cent for collecting the City tax for the present Year.

Alderman Sailor moved to amend so as to allow the Marshal the same fee as is allowed by the law to the County Collector, for collecting the State and County tax..

The amendment of Mr Sailor was lost.

The original motion of Mr Buttrick was decided in the affirmative,

Alderman Buttrick and Porter having retired & the Board being without a Quorum - the Mayor adjourned the Meeting by proclamation.

R Wilkinson Mayor.
Clerk

Special Meeting.

Wednesday Evening August 23rd 1852

The City Council met Wednesday Evening August 23rd 1852, pursuant to a call from the Mayor.

Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Sailor. Cutter
Bolmar. Porter.

The notice of Mr William Brackett, served upon the clerk, that he would apply to the Council at its next meeting for a reduction of assessment on the property described in said notice, was read. and it was
Ordered, That said notice be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Council.

The notice of Mr C B Waite that he would apply at the next meeting of the City Council for changes in City Assessment of 1852, Corresponding with memoranda, in said notice was read, and it was ordered

Ordered, That Lot One, in Block Three O. P. be Assessed to C Knox Taylor, instead of Count & Waite-
Lot four in Block nine. L. A, to Knapp & Waite-

Lots one & four in Block Thirteen. S.A. to Hakes & Waite –
Lot five in Block Thirteen. S.A. to C.B. Waite. –
Lot one in Block Eighteen. S.A. " Bonner –
Lot Seven & E 20 feet of Six in Block thirty seven. S.A to Brackett & Waite. –
Lot three in Block Forty five. S.A. to C B Waite –
Lot four in Block Forty Six S.A. to Hakes & Waite –
Water Lot three in Block Two to C B Waite – –
Lots. two. three. four. five. Eight. nine. ten and Eleven in Block Twenty Eight. S.A. to unknown owners. or to their proper owners. if known. and not to Beardsley & Waite –
Water Lot four in Block four. to its proper owner or to unknown owner. not to Wm Brackett

Alderman Cutter. being present. asked that certain changes. named by him. in the assessment list. should be made. and it was ~~ordered~~

Ordered. That Lots three and part of four. in Block Thirteen. S & C's Addn be assessed to J B Kenion vice A F Cutter –
That part of Lot Five in Block one. T & W's Addn be assessed to A F Cutter vice. Knapp & Waite. and that the value and description of said lot be changed as follow. to wit; South fraction of Lot five in Block One. T & W's Addn Valuation twenty dollars. to be assessed. to A F Cutter –
and that the description of lot four in Block three Thompson & Wells Addn be changed as follows. to wit: North half of Lot four in Block three. T & W's Addn be assessed to A. F Cutter –

Mr Joseph Johnson asked that the East Sixteen feet of Lot three in Block Five S & Cos Addn might be assessed to him. he being the owner of the same.

Ordered. That the correction in the assessors list asked for by Mr Johnson be made and that the above described part of said lot be assessed to him_

Mr N B Buford. came before the Council and asked a reduction of assessment on his property after discussion, it was

Ordered_ That the assessment on lots one, two and three, in Block Six. O.T. be reduced from Six thousand and Six hundred dollars, to Five thousand dollars_ . And that the assessment on lot three in Block one be reduced from six thousand dollars to four thousand_ That the assessment of personal property to N B Buford be reduced from three thousand three hundred and fifteen dollars, to two thousand dollars_ And that the assessment of personal property to R. Graham & Co be reduced from fifteen hundred dollars, to twelve hundred_

Ordered_ That an assessment of two hundred dollars, for personal property, be placed to Mr C B Waite on the assessors book of the present Year_ 1852_

Ordered. That the following described lot be assessed to Jos Knox Esq, the valuation to be two Hundred dollars, to wit; Fractional Block, in

Old Town, lying immediately north of Block one, in Thompson & Wells Addn -

Ordered. That the Council adjourn, until Saturday Evening next, the 28th inst at Seven O'clock,

R Wilkinson
Clerk -

Saturday Evening, August 28th 1852.

The city Council met, pursuant to adjournment, this, Saturday Evening, August 28th 1852,

Present, His Honor the Mayor,
Alderman Bolmar, Cutter
Sailor, Porter - Buttrick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Boyle of St Louis was present and made application for the privilege of leasing the public ground on Water Street in front of Block two Old Town -

Ordered, That the Common Council are favorably disposed towards Mr Boyle's application for public grounds for manufacturing purposes and will give the matter early attention

Voted that the application of Mr Wm Brackett for a change in his assessment be laid on the table ordered That the vote taken at a previous meeting of the Council fixing the fees of the Marshal for collecting the City revenue be & the same hereby is reconsidered,

The following Ordinance was then passed by the Council, to wit

"An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relating to Revenue.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, that the fees of the City Marshal for all Collections of city taxes, or revenue shall be the same that are, or may be allowed the Sheriff or County Collector for the time being for Similar Services."

Passed August, 28th 1852,

No. 457 $2,10/100 ordered That G Ballman be allowed the sum of Two dollars and ten cents - jail fees - as per bills filed,

The Council adjourned,

R Wilkinson, Clerk, Whitaker Mayor

Tuesday, Sept. 8th 1882,

The city Council met this Tuesday Evening September 8th 1882, pursuant to the call of the Mayor.

Present His Honor the Mayor

Alderman, Sailor Cutter. Porter & Buttrick,

Ordered, That a Sum not exceeding twenty five dollars be appropriated for the purpose of removing a family from this city to Cedar Rapids. Said amount to be loaned them as they are entirely destitute, and as they they have the small pox, it is deemed advisable to have them on their way to their place of destination.

The council then adjourned,

R Wilkinson Clerk,

J Whitaker Mayor.

September 18th 1852,

The City Council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor, September 18th 1852

Present His Honor the Mayor
Alderman, Sailor Cutter
Porter & Bolmar.

Voted. That an Ordinance entitled "an ordinance relating to revenue". be and the same hereby is repealed,-

The following ordinance was passed to wit,

An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled. an ordinance relating to revenue,

Sec 1- Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, that the fees of the City Marshal, for the collection and paying over of all City taxes or revenue; shall be as follows to wit: five per cent, on the first thousand dollars, and three per cent, on all additional sums paid over that amount,

Sec 2 - Be it further ordained, that an ordinance passed August 29th 1852 entitled an Ordinance to amend an ordinance relating to revenue be and the same hereby is repealed.

Passed September 18th 1852 R H Whitaker,
R Wilkinson Clerk Mayor

No 452
$20.00

Ordered, that R Wilkinson be allowed the sum of twenty dollars as part pay for Second quarter's Salary as Clerk

No 453 Ordered. That R Wilkinson be allowed
$20.00 the Sum of Twenty dollars in part pay
for third quarters Salary as clerk,

No. 454 Ordered That R Wilkinson be allowed
$10.00 the Sum of Ten dollars in full for Second
& third quarters Salary as clerk,

No 455 Ordered, That R Wilkinson be allowed
$10.00 the Sum of two dollars for making out assess-
ment list

The resignations of Alderman Cutter, Bolman
& Baltrick to take effect at the Close of the
present City fiscal Year were read. & it
was Ordered, That the Same be accepted,

No 456 Ordered. That Phillip Dahn be allowed the
$1,25/100 Sum of One dollar and twenty five cents as
per bill filed,

No 457 Ordered, That G, Bollman be allowed the
$2,10/100 Sum Two dollars and ~~fifty~~ ten cents as per bill
filed

Ordered. That the report of A H Cutter, Supervisor,
of the Second road district, be & the Same hereby
is accepted. & that the Clerk be & hereby is
instructed to file Said report & the accompanying
papers.

No 458 Ordered. That A H Cutter be allowed the Sum
$32,80/100 of Thirty two dollars and Eighty cents as
per bill filed. the same being for road pay

The bills of Messrs Haines & Sterns ~~& Sailor~~ was referred to the Committee on claims.
The bill of Mr Sailor was laid on the table,

An Ordinance relating to the pay of Alderman was laid on the table

Ordered, That Cornelius Lynde Sr be allowed
No-459 the Sum of Thirty dollars for making assessment
$30 00/100 list as per bill filed

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council be & be hereby is instructed to give notice of the time & place of the ensuing city elections,

The Council adjd

R. W. McMillen Clerk, Whitaker Mayor

October 29th 1852,

The City Council met Friday Morning October 29th 1852, pursuant to a call from the Mayor
Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman. Cutter. Sailor
Bolmar & Porter,

The report of W A Porter Chairman of the board of Health was read,- the same being as follows to wit,- "Report of the Health Committee, of appropriation of Twenty five -$25- allowed by City Council for purpose of removing paupers to Cedar Rapids -

October 29th 1852.

— — Sept 8th. To amt pd Wm Hale, Alderman Treasurer, — for removal of said paupers — $5 00/100

Balance of the $25. appropriated not drawn,

All of which is respectfully committed

Rock Island, Octo 26/'52 H A Porter, Chairman
Board Health
City R. Island

No. 461 $5 00/100 Ordered, That H. A Porter Chairman of the Board of Health be allowed the sum of five dollars as per report above filed —

Ordered, That the sum of twenty dollars, unappropriated as above set forth be paid back into the City treasury.

No. 462 $5. 25/100 Ordered, That P A Whitaker be allowed the sum of Five dollars and twenty five cents as per bills filed by P A Whitaker & Whitaker, Evans & Co —

Ordered, That the Council proceed to the election of Street Commissioner for the 3rd Road district, E. C. Cropper was elected unanimously to fill said office,

The bills of Messrs Knox & Drury against the town of Rock Island & against the City were referred to the following Committee to wit,' Alderman Sailor & Balmar.

Ordered, That the Mayor be added to said Committee,

The Bill of Mr Setting was referred to

the following Committee of two. to wit:
Alderman Cutter & Potter - -

Ordered, That the bill of Hames & Sterns & all bills heretofore presented to the Committee on Claims be and the same hereby are referred to the following Special Committee of three. to wit,
Alderman. Cutter, Sailor & Bolmar -

Ordered, further that the bill of Mr Nichols be referred to the same Committee

The Council adjd. until 1/2 past One OClock P.M. this day

Robert Wilkinson, Clerk. J Whitaker Mayor

October 29th 1852. half past one. P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment - Present same as this morning,

Ordered. That a box of Coal be purchased by the Council & that after using as much of the same as shall be needed by the present Council the ballance shall be paid to Mr Nichols for Coal borrowed from him - The following motion was offered and laid on the table until to morrow.

Voted. That the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars be. and the same hereby is appro=priated for the improvement of Exchange Street - and that the sum of Fifty dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated to the improvement of Eagle Street -

No 463 Ordered. That Edward Spencer be allowed
$5.00/100 the Sum of Five dollars, in full, for attending
gate during high water

No 464 Ordered That F. S. Nichols be allowed the sum of
$16.50/100 Sixteen dollars and fifty cents as per bill filed
and as per report of Committee on claims - -

No 465 Ordered, That B. Hobb be allowed the Sum of
$39.70/100 Thirty nine dollars and Seventy Cents for the purpose
of paying off the ballance due on fee bills
forwarded from Stans County

The Committee on the bill of Mr Lotting reported
in length upon said bill, and recommended that
said bill be turned over to Mr Cropper the Super=
=visor elect, for said district, that he proceed
to notify the persons mentioned in said bill, and
if possible pay said bill out of the money
Collected from said road labor tax -

ordered that said report be accepted & filed.

The bill of C H Stoddard, was read -

Ordered That said bill be laid on the table.

The Council adjourned until nine Oclock
to morrow (- Saturday -) Morning, the 30th

R Wilkinson Clerk.

J. Whitaker Mayor

Saturday Morning, October 30th 1852

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. His Honor the Mayor
Aldermen, Sailor, Cutter
Bolmer, Porter.

On motion of Alderman Porter it was
"Ordered. That the Sum of One Hundred & Seventy five ($175-) be appropriated for the improvement of Exchange St. in the 1st, lower ward. across the Sloughs, making a permanent road above high water mark with flood gate. Also that the sum of Seventy five ($75-) Dolls be appropriated for the improvement of Buffalo St. across the Slough, in the Second or Middle ward. Said Sum to be expended under the direction of the City Council",

No 466 Ordered, That Bailey & Boyle be allowed the Sum
$13.28 of Thirteen dollars and Seventy Eight Cents as
per bill filed

Nos 467.&8 Ordered. That Jos. Johnson & R Wilkinson be
$1- Each, allowed the Sum of One dollar Each, for attending
as Witnesses before Arbitrators in Suit vs City

No 458 Ordered. That A F Cutter be allowed the Sum
$10."" of Ten dollars. as per report of Committee on
Claims

No 469 Ordered. That Jacob Sailor be allowed the Sum
$20.00 of Twenty dollars. as per bill & report of Committee
on Claims.

No 470 Ordered, That Hawes & Stern be allowed the

$80.80/100 Sum of Eighty dollars and Eighty cents, as per bill filed and report of Committee on Claims

His Honor the Mayor made the following report to wit-

"To the Board of Alderman of the City of Rock=Island.

You have remitted the sum of thirteen hundred Dollars, say $1300-/ in City Bonds issued to the Chicago & Rock Island Rail Road Company being in part of the 1st Installment of five per cent on the Subscription of One hundred and fifty Shares taken by the City in the Capital Stock of Said Road- These bonds I received from and receipted to the Secretary of Said Company for. The amount of bonds issued by the City in the first instance was fourteen hundred dollars - Thirteen hundred of which I received from the Secretary of the Said Rail Road Company leaving One hundred dollars not accounted for & not returned to the City- The City at the time the Bonds were issued advanced to the Rail road Company the sum of One Hundred dollars in Cash for the purpose of aiding the Rail Road Company in making a preliminary Survey- making the Sum of $1500- including the City bonds. The Rail=Road Company are now indebted to the city in the sum of Two Hundred dollars. Say One hundred in Cash. and Bonds to the amount of One hundred Dollars which they have failed to return,-

In addition to the above amount of Bonds. I have also herewith, fifteen One hundred Dollar Bonds issued by the present City Council to said Rail Road Company on the Seventeenth day of December 1857. - These Bonds say fifteen Hundred Dollars were returned by L Andrews to me, not having been handed over to the Secretary of the Company.

Very Respectfully
P A Whitaker Mayor,"

On Motion of Alderman Rorler it was Ordered. That the above report of the Mayor be accepted, and placed on record and that the Bonds be Cancelled -

No 473 $ 4.00 Ordered. That I Cook be allowed the Sum of Four Dollars as per bill filed

No 481 $76.20/100 Ordered. That T. B. Halton be allowed the sum of Seventy Six 20/100 Dollars for the purpose of paying of Fee Bills ~~from Clerks of~~ the City to Bowles & Bowles to Biddison et als.

No 474 $50.00 Ordered. That Julius Manning be allowed the Sum of Fifty Dollars as per bill filed.

The Council took a recess until two Oclock P.M.

Saturday Afternoon. October 30th 1852.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, at two Oclock P.M. –

Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Cutter. Sailor. Bell
Porter. and Bolmar

No 475 – Ordered. That Benj J Cobb be allowed the Sum of
$24,43/100 Twenty four Dollars and Forty three Cents as per bill
filed & report of Committee on claims,

No 476 Ordered. That Wm Coyne be allowed ~~for~~ the Sum
$0,40/100 of Forty Cents for coal furnished the Council,
as per bill filed

Ordered, That Orders Nos 434 and 435. be and the same hereby are Cancelled..

No 477 Ordered, That Jacob Sailor be allowed the Sum
$44,20/100 of Forty four dollars and twenty cents as per bill
filed and report of Committee on claims,

On Motion of Alderman Porter. It was
Ordered that an order be drawn on the Chicago & Rock Island Rail road Company for the Sum of One hundred Dollars, the amount advanced the Company for the purpose of making a prelim=inary survey

No 478 On Motion of Alderman Porter it was
$2104,25/100 Ordered – That an order be drawn on the
Treasurer for the sum of twenty one hundred and
Four dollars and twenty five cents, Say $2104.
25/100 dollars being the interest due on the City

Bonds. Say $2083. 33. on the 1st day of November 1852. With Exchange on Same. Say $20.92/100 Dollars Making in all $2104.25/100 Dollars as above Stated.

No 479
$11.00

Ordered, That Ten Dollars be and the Same, hereby is appropriated for the purpose of defraying the incidental expenses of the City Council for the Current Year.

The Ayes & Nays being Called for on the above order. were as follows towit,

Porter. Bell and Cutter voted aye
Sailor & Bolivar " nay

Ordered That the Marshal call upon Capt. Perras for the amount due from him for License for Wharf Boat,

The Council adjourned to meet on Tuesday Evening November 2nd 1852,

R Wilkinson Clerk,

J W Whitaker Mayor

Tuesday November 2nd 1852.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment
Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Sailor, Bolman
Center, Bell
and Porter.

The Poll lists, from the several wards of the City, of the last Election for Mayor and Alderman having been returned to the Mayor It was Ordered, That the Same now be opened by the clerk –

The Same having been done it was further ordered, That the Poll Lists of the Second and Third wards (the Same being regular and in conformity to law.) be and the Same hereby are accepted.

Ordered, That the Poll List of the first ward – (the Same being irregular, owing to the failure to return the tally list, with the said Poll lists as required by law –) be and the Same hereby is rejected –

The votes for Mayor having been examined. Stood as follows – to wit

William Frizzell received one Hundred and five votes for Mayor.

Holmes Hawes received Eighty five votes for Mayor

J S Smith, Windy. received One Vote for Mayor

Charles Pettifer. received one vote for Mayor.

William Frizzell having received the greatest number of votes cast for said Office was declared duly Elected Mayor of the City of the of Rock Island for the Ensuing Year.

The vote for Alderman in the Second ward. was as follows, to wit

Robert Graham. received One Hundred and four votes for Alderman -

J.B. Danforth	had	fifty three	votes	for Alderman.
William H Sage	"	fifty	votes	" "
James Bazle	"	four	"	" "
L. M Webber	"	"	"	" ,
S B Stoddard	"	one	"	" "
A.G Philleo	"	"	"	" "

Messrs Graham & Danforth having received the greatest number of votes for said Office were declared duly elected Alderman for Said Second ward for the ensuing ~~Year~~, Term

The vote for Alderman in the Third ward. was as follows to wit:

J W Vansant.	received	Thirty Seven	votes	for Alderman,
James W Brackett	"	Thirty nine	"	" "
Lewis M Webber	"	Forty Seven	"	" "
James Bazle	"	Forty nine	"	" "

Messrs Webber and Bazle having received the highest number of votes polled in said ward for said offices. were declared duly elected Alderman for Said Third ward for the ensuing ~~year~~ term

Ordered That the City Clerk give notice according to law of ~~an~~ Election to be holden in the first ward of the City for two Alderman in the place of Mr Bolmar resigned & Mr Porter whose term of Office Expires -

The resignation of Messrs Knox & Drury as City Attorneys was read, and it was Ordered, That the same be laid on the table.-

No 480 $12.50/100 Ordered That J H Hatch be allowed the Sum of Twelve dollars & fifty Cents as per bill filed;

The Council adjourned until Friday the 18th inst_ - [redacted]

RWilkinson Clerk

November 4th 1882,

The City Council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor,

Present, His Honor the Mayor.
Alderman, Sailor, Buttner
Porter & Cutter,

On Motion of Alderman Porter it was Ordered. That a Committee be appointed to Examine the lower road across the slough on

Exchange Street. and report the plan and probable cost of Same at a meeting to be holden to-morrow morning at nine O Clock,

The Council adjd.

A F Leutter Clerk Pro tem, P Whitaker Mayor

November 3rd 1852

The Council met pursuant to adjournment,

Present His Honor the Mayor,

Alderman, Sailor, Bolmar, Porter

And Leutter & Bell

On Motion of Alderman Porter it was Ordered, That E. P. Reynolds be authorized to [redacted] tion of the roads across the ge Street. also on Buffalo Street day and have the Same Completed as Early as possible the whole job to be under his Supervision

Adjourned to the third Friday of November being the 19th inst at nine O clock A.M.

A. F. Leutter Clerk pro tem,

P Whitaker Mayor

November 19th 1852.

The City Council, owing to a want of a Quorum did not meet. —

R Wilkinson City Clerk

Saturday Morning, November 20th 1852.

The City Council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor

Present, His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Sailor, Cutler, Bell,
and, Bolmar.

Voted, That the reading of the minutes be and the same hereby is postponed, and that Mr E. P. Reynolds. (— being present —) be requested to report concerning the improvements in which he has been employed by the Council,

Mr Reynolds — Reported verbally, that owing to the weather he had been able, to work only one half of one day upon said improvements, which said report was accepted. —

No 482 $50. 00/100 Ordered, That Julius Manning be allowed the sum of Fifty Dollars as per bill filed

Ordered, That the City Clerk be and he hereby is authorized to draw and receipt for order No 479. drawn for the purpose of defraying the incidental expenses of the City for the present Current Year.

No-483 $1.25/100 Ordered. That F. S. Nichols be allowed the Sum of One Dollar and twenty five Cents, for printing, as per bill filed,

No. 484 $9.12½/100 Ordered, That E. P. Reynolds be allowed the Sum of Nine Dollars and Twelve and a half Cents, for Labor performed on roads as per bill filed,

ordered.

No-485 $2 40/100, Ordered. That P. Simmons be allowed the Sum of Two Dollars and forty Cents as per bill filed

No-486 $2.50/100 Ordered, That Wm. Cayne be allowed the Sum of Two dollars and fifty Cents as per bill filed.

No-487 $0.35/100 Ordered, That Whitaker. Sawyer & Co. be allowed the Sum of Thirty five Cents as per bill filed,

No-488 $1.00/100 Ordered, That C. H Stoddard be allowed the Sum of One dollar for framing Map. as per bill filed,

No-489 $12.50/100 Ordered, That J. H Hacels be allowed the Sum of Twelve dollars and fifty Cents as per bill filed, for fourth, & last Quarter's rent of room,

Ordered. That the following named persons be allowed the Sums set oppisite their respective names for acting judges & clerks of the last election to wit,

No. 490. $1.00 M Whermoay - One Dollar,
No-491. $1.00 R. H. Andrews One Dollar,
No-492 $1.00 A. K. Phillips One Dollar,

No 493 $1.00 A Fleutter One Dollar.
No 494 $1.00 Phillip Tahn. One Dollar,
No 495 $1.00 John McMoran One Dollar.
No 496 $1.00 Wm P Cropper One, Dollar.
No 497 $1.00 Wm F Gilmore. One Dollar.
No 498 $1.00 J Silas Teas. One Dollar,

The following report was made, to wit,
"A Fleutter as Supervisor would report. that Since his last report he has received of Mr Ritaller $1.50/100. & has paid to B. F Barrett for putting Sand & Gravell on crossings. on Nov, 5th & 6th $1.50/100 —

All of Which is respectfully Submitted with a request that I may be discharged, as Supervisor of Second Ward.
Rock Island, Nov 19th /52,

A Fleutter Supervisor"

Ordered. That Said report be accepted and that Mr Leutter be discharged from the Said Office of Supervisor,

No 499 $25.00 Ordered, That R. Wilkinson be allowed the Sum of twenty five dollars as per bill filed for fourth and last Quarters Salary as City Clerk,

The following bills of Benj J Cobb Marshal were read. to wit,
"City of Rock Island.

In a/c with B. J. Cobb Marshal.

1852, Nov. To Collecting $1000, City taxes @ 5 per Cent as per agreement. $50.00

To Collecting $28,25 10/ taxes @ 3 per cent as per agreement. 84.75

$134.75

No. 500 $134 75/100 Ordered, That Benj J. Cobb be allowed the sum of one Hundred, and thirty four dollars and 75/100 dollars, as per above bill,

"The City of Rock Island

In a/c with B J. Cobb Marshal

To Collecting $35, from Concert & Circus @ 3 per Cent — $1.05"

No. 501 $1.05 Ordered, That Benj J. Cobb be allowed the sum of One dollar & five Cents as per bill filed

The following report by the Marshal was made, to wit

"B. J. Cobb, Marshal

In a/c with the City of Rock Island,

To amt. of taxes as per footing of assessors book, $3989.84

Cr

By Amount of taxes Collected as per Trea. recpts. $3825.10

" " " Delinquent list, 164.74

$3989.84 — $3989.84

The Council Adjourned until this afternoon at half past one O'Clock.

R. Wilkinson Clerk

J. Whitaker Mayor

Saturday afternoon. Nov. 20th 1852.

The Council did not meet. owing to the fact. that they were examining the books & accounts of their officers.

R Wilkinson Clerk.

Saturday Evening. Nov 20th 1852.

The City Council met -

Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Tailor, Cutter,
Bell - & Bolmar,

No 502 Ordered, That William Bell be allowed the
$65.71/100 Sum of Sixty five dollars and Seventy one Cents Commission on monies received by him, ~~by him~~ as Treasurer, during the last fiscal (- City -) Year,

Mr William Bell City Treasurer made the following report, to wit,

"To the Board of Alderman of the City of Rock-Island -

Gentleman I herewith hand you a full and Complete statement of all monies received and paid out by me as Treasurer of the Board since November the 16th 1850. to November 20th 1852 - You will observe from the report that I have made Seperate Statements for the two years, the first Commencing the 16th November 1850 & ending the 29th November 1851 - The other for the present

William Bells Treas. Report continud

Year Commencing the 29th Nov 1851, and ending the 20 November 1852, –

William Bell, Treasurer,

In a/c with the City of Rock Island –

1850				
Nov	16	To amt. received from Treas. Bolmar as follows, to wit; County orders $19.84 Note on E Booth 55.00	$74	84
Aug	24	" Recd. of City Marshal for taxes for 1849. –	750	96
"	"	" " " " " License from Mabies Circus	30	00
Sept.	9	" " " " " " " Robinson family	7	00
"	"	" " " " " " " Stokes Circus	15	00
Nov	28	" " " " " " " F Ridenbaugh	150	00
"	29	" " " " " Wharfage from H Powars	2	50
"	"	" " " " " " " S. Bowles	2	50
"	"	" " " " " fines from Early & Smith	10	00
"	"	" " " " " Dog tax	22	50
"	"	" " " " " License from Negro Concert	5	00
"	"	" " " " " " " " Sweet family	2	50
"	"	" " " " " " " " Butcher	35	00
		Total Amount of receipts for the Year	$1107	80

Credits

1851	No			
Jany 10	355	By order to Jos. Johnson, for office Furniture	1	00
" "	356	" " " Same " " "	1	00
" "	357	" " " Same " " "	1	00
" "	358	" " " Same " " "	1	00
		Amt. Carried Forward	4	00

Williams Bell's Fiscal Report continued

1857	No				
		Amount Brought Forward	$ 4	00	$1107 85
Jany 10	359	By Order to Jos. Johnson for Office Furniture	1	00	
" 14	337	" " " C B Knox " Supervisor	13	75	
" "	390	" " " B J Cobb " per centage for Collecting tax	75	05	
" "	389	" " " P. Dalen " Supervisor	44	15	
" 17	360	" " " Jos. Johnson for Office furniture	1	00	
" "	361	" " " Same " " "	1	00	
" "	362	" " " Same " " "	1	00	
" "	363	" " " Same " " "	1	00	
" 20	328	" " " G.K. Grover " Jail fees	5	00	
" "	326	" " " Same " "	2	00	
" "	333	" " " B F Barrett " Road labor in 1849	15	00	
" 24	385	" " " Jos. Johnson " Supervisor, bridging &c	30	50	
" "	342	" " " P. Dalen " Removing Hospital	8	50	
" "	323	" " " A Stillman " Work on Grade	2	00	
" 27	369	" " " B J Cobb " Killing Dogs	11	00	
" "	365	" " " P. Dalen for Removing Nuisances	1	55	
" 29	331	" " " B. F Barrett " Rent of Council Room	25	00	
" "	308	" " " C B Waite " Attending Suits, Collecting tax	10	00	
" "	327	" " " R Morgan " Preliminary Survey, Rail Road	100	00	
" 31	345	" " " C B Knox " Judge of Election	1	00	
Feby 7	368	" " " J H Hatch " Expenses to Peru, Rail Road Elec.	10	95	
" 20	296	" " " Wm Holloway " Judge of Election	1	00	
" 23	276	" " " M W Conway " " "	1	00	
" 29	387	" " " E. P. Reynolds " Work on road above City	19	50	
" "	325	" " " C B Knox " Work on Grade	2	00	
March 1	370	" " " M W Conway " Judge of Election	1	00	
		Amount Carried Forward	388	95	

William Bell Treas Report Continued

1857	No	Amounts Brought Forward –			$388	95	$1107	89
March 7	371	By order to	R. H. Andrews,	for Clerk of Election	1	00		
" 16	379	" " "	H Babbitt	" Judge " "	1	00		
" 21	381	" " "	C H Stoddard	" Clerk " "	1	00		
" 29	382	" " "	J O Wilkinson	" Desk & Table for Office	15	00		
April 7	364	" " "	Jos. Johnson	" Chains	1	00		
" "	314	" " "	R Hill	" Work on grade	9	00		
" "	332	" " "	J O Wilkinson	" Attorneys fees	30	00		
" "	335	" " "	G. R. Groner	" Jail fees	2	00		
May 20	353	" " "	J Sailor	" Coal for office	2	80		
" 30	338	" " "	Deere Co.	" Repairing plow	5	00		
June 24	312	" " "	R. Thompson	" Work on Grade	2	50		
" "	349	" " "	R Andrews	" Clerk of Election	1	00		
July 1	374	" " "	S. S. Guyer	" Judge " "	1	00		
" "	282	" " "	J Chamberlin	" Making out City tax	6	00		
" 19	384	" " "	J O Wilkinson	" Attorneys fees	40	00		
" "	329	" " "	D Hawes	" Lime for Streets	25	00		
" "	346	" " "	C J Gates	" Judge of Election	1	00		
Aug 25	340	" " "	B J Cobb	" Marshal fees	13	60		
" 30	330	" " "	R Wilkinson	" Clerks fees for 1850	105	00		
" "	320	" " "	C H Stoddard	" Establishing grade	46	64		
" "	341	" " "	E Gilmore	" taking Census	4	80		
" "	383	" " "	J. W. Spencer	" land for street	100	00		
" "	416	" " "	David Hawes	" lime & Rock	50	00		
" "	339	" " "	J H Hatch	" Supervisor	26	75		
Sept 4	377	" " "	J T Bean	" Clerk of Election	1	00		
" "	366	" " "	Ben Graham	" Clerks fees &c	9	05		
		Ammount carried forward			889	79		

William Bell Treas Report continued

1857		Amounts Brought Forward -	889	79	$ 1107	80
Sept 4	386	By order to P Zahn. for Road Labor	9	02		
Oct 4	388	" " " A N Heacox " Supervisor	36	33		
" "	367	" " " R Wilkinson " Clerks fees 1850	30	00		
" "	332	" " " Wm Holloway " assessing	25	00		
" "	336	" " " G. R. Grover " Jail fees	1	50		
" "	279	" " " Wm P. Cropper " Judge of Election	1	00		
Nov. 20	392	" " " Jos Johnson " Supervisor	3	00		
" "	394	" " " Same " "	1	50		
" "	304	" " " W. P. Cropper " Judge of Election	1	00		
" "	391	" " " Jos Johnson " Supervisor	3	00		
" "	398	" " " D. Shellhammer " Hauling lime	5	00		
" "	419	" " " R Wilkinson " Clerks fees for 1857	100	00	1106	14
		To Ballance remaining in my hands Nov 29th 1857			$ 1	66
Dec 6		Amt recd from City Marshal for E Downie License			50	00
" "		" " " " " " Same			100	00
" "		" " " " " " F Ridenbaugh			75	00
~~1852~~ " "		" " " " J H Hatch Mayor " fines			8	84
1852 Jany 23		" " " from City Marshal " License from Robinson family			10	00
" "		" " " " " " " H. Powers Wharfage			5	00
Feb. 3		" " " " " " " E Downie License			50	00
Oct 13		" " " " " " " Blakely family "			2	50
" "		" " " " " " " Baker " "			5	00
" "		" " " " " " " Spaldings Circus "			25	00
" "		" " " " " " " [illegible] Concert "			5	00
" "		" " " " " " " Shaw " "			2	50
" "		" " " " " " " A Butcher "			100	00
		Amount carried Forward			440	50

William Bell; Treas^l Report continued

1852,	Amounts Brought forward	$440.	50
Nov 18	Amt. rec^d as premium on City bonds sold in N York	107,	71
" "	" " from City Marshal for Rice's Circus. License	25	00
" 20.	" " " " " " Beldwing Panorama "	5	00
" "	" " " " " taxes for the year 1852	3825	10
" "	" " " " " for H Powers Wharfage license	6	00
" "	" " " " " " Sale of Hogs	17	34
" "	" " " " " " A Butcher License	65,	00
" "	" " " " " " Stabacks fine	3,	00
	To amt. of recipts from Nov 29 1851 to Nov 20 1852, including balance of last year	$4494	65

Credits

No of orders			
	By orders paid from Nov 29, 1851 to Nov 20 1852 - as follows, to wit:		
495	" " " J McMoran for Clerk of Election	1	00
399	" " " J G. Bolmar " Judge & Clerk of "	2	00
378	" " " L McNeil " " " " "	1,	00
380	" " " E Harkins " " " " "	1	00
344	" " " J G Bolmar " " " " "	1,	00
347	" " " J Sailor " " " " "	1	00
350	" " " J M Waugh " " " " "	1,	00
376	" " " W Holloway " " " " "	1	00
410	" " " J McMoran " " " " "	1,	00
441	" " " J Sailor " " " " "	1,	00
406	" " " Do " " " " "	1,	00
440	" " " T D Barnes " " " " "	1,	00
447	" " " Geo Walters " " " " "	1	00
		14.	00

William Bells Treas Report continued

No. of orders				
	Amounts Brought forward –	$ 24	00	4494.65
445	By order to A. K. Phillis. Judge & Clerk of Election	1	00	
405	" " " Wm Bailey " " " " "	1	00	
348	" " " Same " " " " "	1	00	
427	" " " C H Stoddard " " " " "	1	00	
425	" " " R C Andrews " " " " "	1	00	
446	" " " J McMoran " " " " "	1	00	
411	" " " C S Baseom " " " " "	1	00	
404	" " " E C Cropper " " " " "	1	00	
493	" " " A F Cutter " " " " "	1	00	
409	" " " A J Wiard " " " " "	1	00	
396	" " " G Ballman for Jail fees	2	10	
457	" " " Do " " "	2	10	
402	" " " F R Bennett " printing	34	50	
428	" " " F S Nichols " do	13	50	
464	" " " Do " do	16	50	
483	" " " Do " do	1	25	
413	" " " Jacob Norris " Office Chairs	28	00	
401	" " " A Flutter " " Table	6	00	
418	" " " R Wilkinson exp in Bowls law suit	5	00	
422	" " " I G Bohmer " " " "	10	75	
468	" " " R Wilkinson " " " "	1	00	
467	" " " Jos Johnston " " " "	1	00	
460	" " " A F Cutter " " " "	10	00	
437	" " " B I Cobb Judgmt " " "	100	00	
474	" " " Julius Manning attorney fee " "	50	00	
481	" " " T. B. Gorton Witness fees in " " "	76	10	
		381	80	

William Bell's Treas Report continued

No of order					
430	Amounts Brought Forward	381	80	$4494	15
430	By Order to C H Stoddard Expenses in Wilson Suit	2	00		
448	" " " R Wilkinson " " " "	10	00		
449	" " " P A Whitaker Witness fees paid " " "	42	00		
429	" " " C H Stoddard Expenses " " "	4	30		
419	" " " Jacob Sailor " " " "	20	00		
477	" " " Do Witness fees " " " "	44	20		
482	" " " J Manning Atty fees " " " "	50	00		
414	" " " Mr Hammond for Stationary	4	45		
415	" " " W F Cutter binding order book	2	00		
400	" " " H A Porter Stationary		85		
450	" " " Do "	3	15		
417	" " " David Hawn for lime	4	60		
470	" " " Hawn & Stine " " and Rock	80	80		
334	" " " Saw Mill Comp'y " lumber	11	00		
420	" " " Do " "	28	32		
397	" " " Baily & Boyle	4	55		
431	" " " E P Reynolds for Embankment on river above	100	00		
433	" " " H A Porter " " " " below	5	00		
432	" " " Do " " " " "	5	00		
431	" " " J Spencer Jr tending gate in high Water	2	50		
451	" " " P Zahn for Rock on bridge	1	25		
486	" " " P Simmons " hauling sand on crossings	2	40		
481	" " " Wm Coyne " " " " "	2	50		
395	" " " Jos Johnson Supervisors bill	2	00		
393	" " " " " "	3	00		
458	" " " A F Cutter " "	32	80		
		855	97		

William Bell's Treas Report Continued

	Amounts Brought Forward	855	97	4494	65
451	By Order to B J Cobb for Marshall fees as per bill	8	34		
421	" " " " " " " " " "	3	00		
475	" " " " " " " " "	24	42		
511	" " " " " " " " "	134	75		
465	" " " " " Witness fees in Wilson suit	29	70		
501	" " " " " Marshall fees as per bill	1	05		
404	" " " R Wilkinson " Clerks Salary	10	00		
452	" " " " " " "	20	00		
453	" " " " " " "	20	00		
423	" " " " " " "	25	00		
499	" " " " " " "	25	00		
471	" " " Knox & Drury " Attorneys fees	43	00		
472	" " " " " " "	32	00		
438	" " " J H Hatch " Office rent	12	50		
424	" " " " " " "	12	50		
462	" " " A Whitaker " Incidentals as per bill	5	25		
479	" " " R Wilkinson " Do	10	00		
460	" " " H A Porter " removing Paupers	5	00		
488	" " " C H Stoddard " fixing map	1	00		
478	" " " Wm Bell " Interest on City bonds	2104	25		
459	" " " C Lynde " assessing	30	00		
455	" " " R Wilkinson " assisting assessor	10	00		
502	" " " Wm Bell " Services as Treasurer	65	71		
412	" " " B J Cobb " Marshall's fees as per bill	12	60	3501	04
	To Balance in Treasury Nov. 20 1852			$ 993	61

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William Bell Treas Report continued

Recapitulation

	Total Amt of funds recd from the 16th Nov 1850 to Nov 29 1851			1107	80
	" " " " " " " 29 " 1851 " " 20 1852			4492	99
				$5600	79
	Total Amt of funds paid out from Nov 16th 1850 to Nov 29th 1851	1106	14		
	" " " " " " " " 29th 1851 " " 20th 1852	3501	04	$4607	18
No	Balance in my hands this day			$993	61
	From which deduct E Booth's note recd ~~fo~~ as cash	$55	.00		
	Also " County order " " ,	19	84	74	84
	Balance of cash in Treasury			$918	77

Rock Island Ill } All of which is respectfully submitted
Nov 20th 1852 }
Wm Bell Treas

Ordered. That the above report of Treasurer William Bell be and the same hereby is accepted and approved and ordered to be placed on record & filed — —

Ordered That His Honor the Mayor be requested to examine the Assessors Book of the present Year and run up the Same and See that the footing is Correct and if not that He Correct the Same

Ordered - That the City Marshal

be requested and ordered to make return
of the delinquent tax list on this day the
20th of November 1852. -

The Marshal having returned the said
list. it was

Ordered. That the same be received, & approved
and filed by the Clerk.

Ordered. That a Sale, of the property returned by
the Marshal as the delinquent tax list, be made
on the Fourth Monday of December next
being the 27th day of said month at
the door of the Court House in the City of Rock=
=Island, for the payment of the taxes and
Costs due thereon -

The list of delinquent tax payers on personal
property was also returned by the Marshal
and Ordered to be placed on file -

The Council adjourned until one o'clock
on Monday Next. the 22nd inst.

R. Wilkinson, Clerk -

J. Whitaker Mayor

Monday. November 22nd 1852.

The City Council met pursuant to the Call of the Mayor

Present. His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Bell. Cutter. Sailor
Bolmar, & Buttrick -

Mr Sailor made the following report - Which was accepted, and Alderman Sailor discharged.

"Rock Island. Nov 20th 1852.

To the Mayor & Board of Alderman of the City of Rock Island,

Gents. Some time since I was appointed a Committee to procure a deed from J. W. Spencer to a certain piece of Land purchased by the City from Said Spencer - I Will State that I applied to Mr Spencer for Said deed - He Says he is Willing to make Said deed, & Will have it made out as Soon as Messrs Knox & Drury can get time to draw up the Same - and up to this time Said deed has not been made -

Respectfully. J. Sailor"

The resignation's of Messrs Knox & Drury as City Attorneys, Benj. F. Cobb Marshal. and R Wilkinson City Clerk Were read, and accepted by the Council.

Voted Unanimously - That the thanks of the Council be and the same hereby are returned to His Honor the Mayor - P A Whitaker - for the Kind & impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council, and the care and dilligence he has exercised in attending to the affairs of the City, at large

The Council adjourned until nine O Clock, to Morrow - Tuesday, Morning - The 23rd inst ~~at nine O Clock~~,

Robt Wilkinson - Clerk.

JWhitaker Mayor

Tuesday November 23rd 1852

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment -

Present. His Honor the Mayor

Aldermen Bolmar, Bell, Butterick

Sailor & Cutter

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved - And thereupon Wm T. Frizzell Mayor elect, & Robt. Graham, J B Danforth Jr. S M Weebles Aldermen elect were duly sworn into office, Ordered - That this Council do now adjourn sine die -

R Wilkinson Clerk -

JWhitaker Mayor

Special Meeting.

City Council Room
Rock Island Thursday Nov. 25. 1852

The council met pursuant to notice given by the Mayor.

Present His Honor
William Frizzell Mayor.

Alderman
Boyle. Webber.
Graham. Danforth.

The council was called to order by the Mayor, and upon motion of Alderman Boyle, Alderman Danforth was chosen Clerk pro tem.

Voted to proceed to the election of subordinate officers.

Frederick S. Nichols was chosen Clerk
Lewis M. Webber " " Treasurer

Ald. J B Danforth Jr was elected Assessor, but declined, when

A. K. Phelleo was elected Assessor.

Meſs. Knox & Drury were elected Attorney's

Joseph Johnston was elected Marshal.

On motion of Ald Boyle, the further

election of officers was postponed until next meeting.

Mr J. H. Hatch, being present offered to rent to the City Council the room and store now used for the Mayors office, for the sum of Sixty dollars ($60.00) pr annum, payable quarterly; and it was voted to accept the proposition as made by Mr Hatch.

Ex Mayor P. A. Whitaker, made the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be entered upon the records.

Report.

To the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Island.

Gentlemen,

As none of the officers of the old Board of last Year, remain with You the present, (those whose terms not having expired, having resigned.) it may aid You in becoming more familiar with the business transacted by the Board, as well also as that had under consideration during the past Year, to direct Your attention to a portion of our proceedings now on record, which will enable You to ascertain what business was brought before us, and which has had all the attention which was deemed necessary on the part of the Board, and which will also serve to direct Your attention to any business remaining in an unfinished state.

November 1852

By reference to the proceedings of the City Council under date of July 21. 1852, You will find that an ordinance was read and passed appointing a "Supervisor of Side Walks," also designating the streets upon which "side walks" should be made, as well as the manner in which they should be built. This still remains as unfinished business. Mr Starr who was elected Supervisor of Side Walks under that ordinance did not accept the appointment, Proceedings of an indefinate character, upon side walks, were subsequently had, but not until the 2d day of August were the Board of Alderman able to find one who would accept the office of Supervisor of Side Walks, at which time Mr. E. D. Gilbert was elected and accepted the appointment; since which time no further action has been taken by the Board upon the subject, except to establish the grade and appoint Mr Gilbert to examine the grade &c under date of August 14th 1852.

In the proceedings of the City Council May 4th 1852 You will also find that Mr Augustus Littig was elected Supervisor of the 3d road district in this City. Mr Littig accepted the appointment, but never qualified — expended money to the amount of about ninety dollars (say $90.00) during high water as pr his bill on file in office, which bill has not yet been allowed him, — shortly after which he resigned the office of Supervisor, without collecting any of the road tax in said district. It therefore remains uncollected up to this time. On the 29th of October following Mr E. C. Cropper was elected in place of Mr Littig, resigned. For further information respecting the business in said road district, I beg leave to refer you to the proceedings of the City Council under that date; also to the report of Alderman Cutter on file.

On the 31st day of same month, Mr John Daly was elected Supervisor of the lower road district, qualified, and proceeded to the duties of his office. We had a statement of the work done by him, amount of funds expended and received, which is now on file. Mr Daly never made a final report, consequently the Board have yet to settle with him.

In the proceedings of April 19th and May 24th 1852, you will find the action taken by the City Council relative to increasing the rate of interest from 6 to 10 per cent upon thirty thousand dollars of bonds ordered by a former Board to be issued in instalments in payment of the subscription of the City to the capital stock of the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company; and to increase the subscription to the capital stock of said company from thirty to fifty thousand dollars.

The interest accruing on these bonds was paid by the Board, through Meſs Cook & Sargent, on the 1st November 1852. The coupons or interest bonds paid, have not yet been received.

There will be semi-annually on the 1st day of May and 1st day of November of each year $2500.00 interest due on these bonds. I would also beg leave to refer you to my report of the 30th of October last, for further information respecting the indebtedness of the Rail Road Company to the City.

Nov 5. 1852 Mr E. P. Reynolds was authorized to take charge of the construction of the roads across the slough on Exchange, and on Buffalo streets, for which improvements the city made appropriation on the 30th of October.

By reference to the proceedings of Nov'r 20th 1852, you will observe that the work on these roads was "abandoned for the present," owing to the bad state of the weather, and that an order was allowed Mr Reynolds for the labor done upon the roads. The appropriation still stands for the purposes mentioned; the order making it not having been recinded.

The Board have settled with all its officers I believe, (except those mentioned above) for services during the year, up to the 20th instant; for particulars of which I refer you to the published statement of Treasurer Bell, as well as their accounts and reports on file in the office.

The report of Treasurer Bell has been examined and found to be a full and correct, a copy of which you will find upon record, and to which I beg leave to refer you for the financial condition of the city, in detail.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. A. Whitaker Ex Mayor.

Rock Island Ill.
Nov 23d. 1852

Ordered that the Treasurer and Marshal be required to give bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars each.

Voted that the Council do now adjourn.

J Wm Grizzell Mayor

J B Danforth Jr Clerk pro tem.

Special Meeting.

Rock Island Dec 6. 1852

The city council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor.

Present. His Honor the Mayor.

Alderman. Boyle Danforth
Webber Graham

The poll lists of the last election in the first Ward for Alderman, having been returned to the Mayors office, it was ordered that they be opened by the Clerk & examined by the Council. The same having been done it was ascertained that Benjamin D. Walsh for the full term, received forty seven (47) votes for Alderman; John R. Daly, to fill vacancy, received forty six (46) votes for Alderman; A.K. Philleo, for the full, received thirty one (31) votes for Alderman; E. R. Bean, to fill vacancy, received twenty seven (27) votes for Alderman; A K Philleo, to fill vacancy, received one vote for Alderman; Richard Riche, to fill vacancy, received one vote for Alderman; Benja. D. Walsh, to fill vacancy, received one vote for Alderman; E. R. Bean, for full term, recd one vote for Alderman.

Benjamin D. Walsh, having received the greater number of votes cast for said Office, was declared duly elected Alderman from the First Ward in the City of Rock Island for the ensuing two Years.

John R. Daly, having received the greater number of votes cast for said office, was declared duly elected Alderman from the First Ward in the City of Rock Island for the ensuing one Year.

Messrs Daly & Walsh, were then duly sworn into Office.

No. 503. Ordered, that T. Biddison, for road service,
$56.00 be allowed fifty six (56) dollars, as pr bill.

Ordered, that Charles Simmons, for hauling
No 504. .90¢ sand on crossings, be allowed ninety cents, as pr bill.

S. B. Stoddard was elected Supervisor for the First Ward.
P. L. Albert — — — — — Second —
Jos. Johnston — — — — — Third —

On motion of Ald. Danforth, it was Ordered: that the Supervisor of the Second Ward be directed to cause plank walks to be placed across Illinois St. from Cook & Sargents Banking House, to the Rock Island House, and from J. L. Smiths store, to J M Moor's Store; Also across Buffalo St from J. M. Moore's Store to A Benedict & Co Store, and from J. L. Smiths store to Jacob Norris store, On motion, it was ordered, that the Mayor, be appointed to cast the vote of the City, for Directors of the Chicago & Rock Island Rail Road Co.

The Council then elected the following City Officers.

B. F. Barrett City Measurer.

Fire Wardens.

First Ward.	John R. Daly
Second Ward.	Robert Graham
Third Ward.	J. S. Sargent.

Ald. Walsh introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved: That a committee, consisting of Ald. Walsh and Danforth, be appointed to assist the City Clerk in procuring the publication of the City Charter, and all ordinances now in force, passed under said charter, and furnish for each member of the Council a book containing said printed Charter and Ordinances.

On motion of Ald. Walsh, it was

Ordered: That the Mayor be allowed the sum of —— dollars per Year for his services.

On motion of Ald. Walsh it was

Ordered: That the Alderman be allowed the sum of —— dollars pr Year for their services.

The filling of the blanks was postponed until next regular meeting.

Adjourned

Wm. Brizzell Mayor

P. L. Nichols Clerk.

Special meeting.

Rock Island Dec 14. 1852

The council met pursuant to call.

Present: Ald. Boyle. Danforth.
Daly. Walsh
Graham Webber

On motion Ald. Danforth was chosen Mayor pro tem.

On motion; Ordered That Jas. Johnston Supervisor in the Third Ward, be authorized to take sand from the River Bank in front of Block one, Old Town, for one day, to fill Illinois St in the Third Ward.

Adjourned

J B Danforth Jr Mayor pro tem.

P. L. Nichols Clerk

Special Meeting.

Rock Island Dec 17 1852

The Council met pursuant to call from the Mayor.

Present. His Honor the Mayor.

Ald. Boyle Webber
Danforth Graham
Daly Walsh

No 505
$98.50

Ordered: That E. P. Reynolds be allowed the sum of ninety eight (98) dollars & fifty cents, for road service as per bill.

Adjourned

Wm. H. Frizzell Mayor

J. L. Nichols Clerk

December 1852

Regular Meeting

Rock Island Dec 18. 1852

The Council met at 7 O Clock P.M. Present.

His Honor the Mayor.
Ald. Boyle Webber
Danforth Graham
Daly Walsh

On motion of Ald. Boyle. E. D. Gilbert, Supervisor of Side Walks was orderd to make a report in relation to the established grade of the City.

On motion of Ald. Danforth. Ald. Boyle and Webber, were appointed a committee to examine the bill presented by Augustus Lettig, and report thereon.

On motion of Ald. Danforth. it was voted that the order passed Nov 5. 1852 appointing Mr. E. P. Reynolds to expend money appropriated Oct. 30. 1852 to repair Exchange and Buffalo Streets, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

On motion of Ald. Webber. Ald. Walsh and Daly, were appointed to receive proposals for bulding a flood gate on Exchange St, and make report thereon.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read & approved.

On motion of Ald. Walsh. it was

Ordered: That the Supervisors of the three road districts, be empowered to take materials from the strand or shore, north and north-east of Block three (3) in the Old Town, for repairing the roads and side walks in the City; and likewise to authorize private citizens to take materials from the same place for similar purposes, under the direction of the Supervisors.

Ald. Danforth introduced the following ordinance, which was adopted.

An Ordinance

to amend an ordinance, passed Dec 8, 1849, entitled "An ordinance relating to the meetings of the City Council."

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island: That the words "third Saturday of every month" in said ordinance be erased, and the words "third Monday of every month at 2 O'clock P.M." be substituted in lieu thereof.

Passed Dec 18. 1852.

Ald. Walsh, introduced the following ordinance, which upon motion of Ald. Daly, was adopted.

An Ordinance

fixing the salaries of Mayor and Alderman,

Sec 1. Relating to salary of Mayor.
Sec 2. Relating to salary of Alderman.
Sec 3. Relating to fines.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island: That the Mayor be allowed for his services, the sum of fifty (50) dollars per year.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained: That each Alderman be allowed for his services, the sum of twenty five (25) dollars per year.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained: That a fine of one dollar be exacted from each member of the Board, who at any meeting of which due notice has been given him, shall not appear at the time when the said meeting shall be called to order by the Mayor, except in case sickness or absence from the City be proved a sufficient excuse to the satisfaction of the Chair.

On motion of Ald. Webber, it was

Ordered: That the City Assessor be directed to make an assessment of the Real and Personal property within the limits of the City, and return the same to the Clerks Office on or before the 1st day of March next.

Ald. Walsh was, at his request, excused from serving as one of the committee appointed to procure the publication of the City Charter and Ordinances, and

Ald. Boyle was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Ald. Danforth, Ald. Graham was appointed to receive proposals for doing the city printing for the year ensuing, & make report thereon.

Adjourned.

Wm. Frizzell Mayor.

P. L. Nichols Clerk

Rock Island January 17. 1853

The council met at 2 O'clock P.M. and were called to order by the Mayor, it being the regular monthly meeting.

Present: His Honor William Frizzell, Mayor.
Aldermen: Boyle. Webber. Graham,
Danforth, Daly, and Walsh.

The mayor presented sundry communications, for consideration, among which were the resolutions of the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company, in relation to the interest scrip on Rail Road Bonds, and it was

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to sell, at the market price, the convertible scrip due on the 1st day of February next to the City of Rock Island, as interest scrip upon the Rail Road Stock, for the purpose of applying the proceeds of such sale towards paying the interest on the Rail Road bonds, which interest falls due May 1st 1853.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. A. Littig's
No 506 bill for work in the third ward, made report, and $86.03
$86.03 was allowed Mr. Littig, being the balance his due,
as per bill on file.

Alderman Graham, who was appointed a committee to receive proposals for doing the city printing for the Year ensuing, reported sealed proposals from

Messrs Nichols & Danforth and F. R. Burnett, which were opened and read by the Mayor. The proposals being alike it was

Ordered, That the council proceed to elect city printers, by ballot, and Messrs Nichols & Danforth, were then elected city printers for one year from this date, in accordance with their proposal, filed in the clerks office.

No 507 $34.00 The sum of $34. was allowed Nichols & Danforth, for printing Fiscal Statement of the old board, and for other printing to date.

Mr E. D. Gilbert, reported plan and profile of a proper grade for Illinois Street, from J. M. Moor's corner to the Graham House corner, which was accepted and ordered to lie until next meeting.

No 508 $2:03 The sum of $2.03 was allowed A. G. Brackett, for error in lots sold by the Marshal, at the last Tax Sale.

The clerk was directed to prepare and present to the next meeting of the council a draft for an ordinance creating the office of city surveyor, and specifying his powers and duties; also a draft for an ordinance to license, tax, and regulate hackney carriages, wagons, carts and drays, and fix the rates to be charged for the carriage of persons, and for wagonage and drayage of property.

Adjourned

Wm Spizzell Mayor

J. F. Nichols Clerk

Rock Island February 15. 1853

A special meeting of the city council, called by the mayor, was held at the council room this day.

Present; His Honor William Frizzell Mayor.

Aldermen; Graham, Danforth, Daly and Walsh.

Ald Danforth was appointed clerk pro tem.

On motion of Ald Walsh it was

Ordered; That the city Marshal shall be from this day, authorized to destroy all dogs found running at large within the limits of the city, without good and sufficient muzzles on their jaws, until further order be taken in the matter.

Adjourned.

Wm Frizzell Mayor

J B Danforth pr Clerk protem

Rock Island Feby 21. 1853

This being the regular monthly meeting, the council assembled at the usual hour.

Present His Honor the Mayor.

Aldermen, Webber, Danforth, Daly. Graham and Walsh.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

A petition from Mr. E. T. Sawyer, was presented, asking permission to use 160 feet of the public ground in front of his warehouse, for a steam boat landing and a wharfboat, and it was

Voted to grant the request of Mr Sawyer, on the payment of $20.00 for licence.

No 509
$13.08 Messrs Cook & Sargent were allowed the sum of $13.08 for money expended by them for the city, in relation to interest coupons.

Ald Danforth, presented the proceedings of a public meeting held at the court house on Saturday last, which were read, and it was

Voted to call a meeting of the voters of the city, at the court house, on Saturday next, between the hours of 8 A M and 4 P M, for the purpose of authorizing the city council to purchase ground of Judge Spencer, for a hotel.

The city attorneys were directed to ascertain what rights the city have to the Public Square, upon which the Methodist Church now stands, and submit their opinion to the council at its next meeting.

A licence was granted to Messrs Baxter & Foote, for an auction house, until the 1st day of April next, by paying the sum of $10.00.

Mr. Philles, city assessor, presented an assessment of the property in the city, as assessment No. 1. for 1853, which was accepted.

The following named ordinances were passed.

An ordinance relating to horses running at large.

An ordinance relating to the publication of the proceedings of the council.

An ordinance creating the office of city surveyor, and specifying his duties.

An ordinance to licence wagons, carts and drays, and regulating the same.

Messrs Cobb & Barrett were appointed city auctioneers, and required to pay the sum of $15.00 for licence.

No. 570 $6.75 Voted to pay William Brackett $6.75 for taxes abated, as having been twice paid on lot 7 in Block 11. Old Town.

Mr E. D. Gilbert was elected city surveyor.

Proposals were received for constructing culverts across Exchange Street, according to plan and specifications adopted at a previous meeting. The bid of Mr. J. R. Daly, proposing to construct the work for $58.00 was received and accepted.

Adjourned

F. L. [illegible] Clerk.

February 1853

Rock Island Feby. 25. 1853

A special meeting was held this evening, to appoint three Judges and a Clerk, for the election to be held at the Court House to-morrow,

Present, His Honor the Mayor,
Aldermen, Webber. Danforth, Graham
Daly and Walsh.

The following appointments were then made viz:

For Judges. 1st Ward S. S. Guyer
2d " Wm. H. Sage
3d " W. T. Norris
For Clerk. B. D. Walsh.

Adjourned

F. S. Nichols Clerk Wm. Frizzell Mayor.

Rock Island March 17. 1853

Present his Honor the Mayor. Aldermen Webber, Danforth, Graham Daly & Walsh.

The resignation of the office of Clerk by F. S. Nicols was handed in & accepted by the Board.

Alderman Walsh was appointed Clerk pro tem.

No. 511. $ 31.33 The sum of $31.33 was allowed to F. S. Nichols for services as Clerk, as per bill.

No. 512 $ 110.25 The sum of $110.25 was allowed to the City Printer, as per Bill delivered, for publishing proceedings &c & for publishing the

Wm. Frizzell Mayor.

erk pro tem.

Rock Island, March 21. 1853.

Stated Meeting - Present his Honor the Mayor Aldermen Webber, Danforth, Graham, Daly & Walsh

The Returns of the late election were inspected, and resulted as follows viz:

For Borrowing 12 votes -

Against " 169 "

No. 513. $1.00 Ordered, that $1.00 be allowed respectively to
No. 514. $1.00 S. S. Guyer, to Wm H. Sage & to W. T. Norris for services
No 515. $1.00 as Judges, and to Benj. D. Walsh for his services
No 516. $1.00 as Clerk of the above election -

Ordered, that N. B. Buford be allowed to erect Hay scales on the portion of the levee opposite his foundry -

Ordered, that N. B. Buford be allowed to close that portion of the alley on Block six (6) in the Old Town which lies between Lots 1 & 2 & between lots 9 & 10, until the expiration of the present fiscal year -

Ordered, that J. W. Spencer & Co. have permiſsion to use 140 feet of the Public levee, lying immediately on the west side of the grant made to C. T. Sawyer Feb. 21. 1853, as a steam ferry landing & for depositing Coal, wood &c. for the present season, Provided they pay the City $100,00 for the above privilege -

Ordered, that a license be granted to Fred.

erick Ridenbaugh for a bar and two billiard tables, said license to continue for one year from date. Provided he pay $\$175\frac{00}{100}$ to the City & give bond & good security as required by law.

Ordered, that a license be granted to Benj. F. Barrett for one year from date for a bar and one billiard table, Provided he pay $\$150\frac{00}{100}$ to the City & give bond & good security as required by law.

Ordered, that a license be granted to Samuel & John Guthrie for one year from date for a bar, Provided they pay $\$100\frac{00}{100}$ to the City & give bond & good security as required by law.

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Ordered, that sealed proposals, marked "Proposals for Plank side walks" be received by the City Clerk until April 2nd for constructing Plank side walks on both sides of Illinois Street from the corner of Elk St. to the corner of Washington Street; it being understood that the contractor shall receive any suitable plank or timbers now laid on the said sidewalks at a fair valuation, and that any side walk substantially laid with hewed stone or brick at the proper grade shall remain undisturbed - The above to be finished by June 30th

Ordered, that Aldermen Graham &

Walsh be appointed a committee to prepare the specifications for all the above sidewalks and deposit the same with the City Clerk; and that the City Surveyor be requested if called upon, to assist said committee.

Ordered, that when the next General tax is levied, a special tax be levied on the owners of the Lots abutting on the aforesaid sidewalks according to the respective fronts owned by them, for the purpose of constructing said sidewalks; but that those lots which have in front of them, good & sufficient stone or brick sidewalks laid at the proper grade shall be exempt from the above special tax.

Ordered, that all the above proposals shall be opened by the Mayor in the presence of the City Council, April 4th 1853, and that the above contracts, if awarded at all, shall be awarded to the lowest bidder who offers good security; but that the City reserves to itself the right of declining to award all or any of them.

Ordered, that the City Surveyor be requested to measure the number of yards of earth required to complete the embankment on the Great Slough in Exchange Street to the following dimensions:— Height that of the upper surface of the present bridge: width 20 ft; Slope of east side 1½ feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical: Slope of the west side 3 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical, and to report forthwith to the City Clerk.

Ordered, that sealed proposals marked "Proposals for Embankment," be received by the City Clerk until April 2nd for performing the above embanking on Exchange Street at the rate of — cents per cubic yard — the whole work to be completed on or before May 30th 1853, and the materials to be taken from any Street where the grade allows of it.

Ordered, that sealed proposals marked respectively, "Proposals for planting," and "Proposals for fencing," be received by the City Clerk until April 2nd, 1st for planting and 2nd for fencing Church and Franklin Squares; and that Aldermen Graham and Walsh be appointed a committee to draw up the Specifications of the above work, and deposit the same with the City Clerk, The whole work to be done on or before June 30th

Ordered, that sealed proposals marked "Proposals for Gravel side walks," be received until April 2nd by the City Clerk for constructing Gravel side walks on both sides of Illinois Street from the corner of Ontario Street to the corner of

Elk Street, and from the corner of Washington Street, to the corner of Dock Street, and on both sides of Orleans Street from the corner of Ontario Street to the corner of Dock Street. The whole to be done on or before May 30th and the materials to be taken from the shore or strand of the Miſsiſsippi River as close as poſsible to low water mark.

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Ordered, that A. Butcher be allowed the use of the public levee for one year for 100 feet East of the point where the west side of west Eagle Street strikes the River, Provided he pay to the City $10.

Ordered, that the Marshal notify the Rock Island Bank and Meſsrs. Cook & Sargeant that they are required by the City Ordinances to take out a license as Brokers and Money Changers.

Ordered, that the City Measurer be requested to procure from the City Measurer of St. Louis a certified copy of the rules of measuring lumber, timber & shingles practised in that City.

Ordered, that the City Marshal be requested to notify in writing the owner of Lot 4, Block 19, to remove his fence, and the owner of Lot 1. Block 20 in the Old Town to remove his House off the public side walk, on or before April 30. 1853. And also to notify the owner of Lot 4 in Block 19 to remove the trees off the sidewalk before the said Lot on or before April 30th 1854.

On balloting to elect a City Clerk, Albert G. Brackett was declared duly elected

Adjourned -

J. Wm. Grizzell Mayor -

Benj. D. Walsh Clerk pro tem.

Rock Island, April 4th 1853.

Special Meeting - Present his honor William Frizzell, Mayor -

Aldermen: Boyle, Danforth, Daly,
Graham, Webber & Walsh -

No. 517. $58.00 The sum of $58.00 was allowed John R. Daly for building culvert acroſs Exchange Street according to contract -

No. 518. $47.10. The sum of $47.10 was allowed R. S. Albert for making croſsings on Illinois & repairing croſsings on Washington Sts as per bill on file -

No. 519. $5.50. The sum of $5.50 was allowed J. B. Danforth jr. for printing proceedings of last meeting -

Ald. Walsh introduced an ordinance to establish the grade of certain portions of Illinois & Orleans Streets, according to Mr. Stoddard's grade as recorded in the journals of the city council. After discuſsion the yeas & nays were demanded by Ald. Danforth & were as follows, viz: -

Yeas: Daly, Graham, Walsh -

Nays: Boyle, Danforth, Webber.

His honor the Mayor voted nay, & the ordinance was rejected -

Bonds of F. Ridenbaugh, B. F. Barrett and John & Samuel Guthrie for retailing liquors, were read & approved -

The petition of Isaac Richards & others, praying for the repeal of the wagon license was presented by Ald. Walsh and read.

Ald Walsh then introduced an ordinance to amend an ordinance relative to wagons, carts & drays, & demanded the yeas & nays upon its passage.

Yeas: Walsh.

Nays: Boyle, Danforth, Daly, Graham & Webber.

So the ordinance was rejected.

Ald. Walsh introduced an ordinance to repeal "an ordinance in relation to dogs running at large." The yeas & nays were demanded by Ald. Danforth & were as follows, viz:

Yeas: None.

Nays: Boyle, Danforth, Daly, Graham, Webber & Walsh.

So the ordinance was rejected.

Ald. Danforth introduced the following order, viz:-

Ordered, That the City Surveyor be directed to survey Illinois & Orleans Streets, through the limits of the city, for the purpose of establishing a grade for said Streets, and report the same to the council; & that the grade of the centre of the streets and the curb stones be the same, and the gutter ten inches below said grade, & the side walks sloped three-tenths of a foot in ten feet.

Ald. Walsh moved to amend the order by substituting "to establish an exterior surface grade," instead of "to survey."

Ald. Danforth called for the yeas & nays & they were as follows, viz:

Yeas: Walsh.

Nays: Boyle, Danforth, Daly, Graham & Webber.

So the amendment was rejected, and the order was then adopted as originally introduced -

The proposals for making an embankment on Exchange Street were then opened & read - That of J. R. Daly being the lowest, Ald. Walsh moved to accept the same - Yeas & Nays demanded by Ald. Danforth -

Yeas: Walsh -

Nays: Boyle, Danforth, Daly, Graham & Webber -

So the motion was lost -

Ald. Danforth introduced the following ordinance which was adopted -

No 26 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, That the words "now under contract" in Section 8, of an ordinance paſsed Feb. 21, 1853, entitled "an ordinance to license & regulate wagons, carts & drays" be & the same are hereby expunged.

On motion of Ald. Danforth it was

Ordered, That in future the clerk shall, in making out & recording the proceedings of the council, specify the name of each member who introduces a proposition or makes a motion -

Ordered, That the ordinance paſsed on the 15th of February last relative to dogs running at large in the city without muzzles on their jaws, be & the same is hereby repealed -

Ald. Walsh moved that the Mayor be directed to purchase five acres of ground on the bluffs to fill up the low grounds in the city.

At the Mayor's suggestion the motion was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Ald. Danforth, the council Adjourned.

Wm. H. Crippell Mayor.

Albert G. Brackett, Clerk.

Rock Island, April 19th 1853.

Regular meeting; present His Honor, Wm Frizzell Mayor, Aldermen Daly, Danforth & Walsh.

Minutes of the two previous meetings read. Ald. Danforth moved that they be approved.

Ald. Walsh moved to amend the motion by striking out the words "to establish an exterior surface grade;" and substituting the words "execute a grade."

Ald. Danforth demanded the yeas & nays.

Yeas: Daly & Walsh.
Nays: Danforth.

The original motion as amended was then paſsed.

No. 520. $40.00 The sum of $40.00 was allowed to A. H. Phillio, for making & returning the city aſseſsment for 1853.

No. 521. $4.20. The sum of $4.20 was allowed to H. A. Porter for Stationery.

No. 522. $3.50. The sum of $3.50 was allowed to J. B. Danforth, jr. for printing proceedings of the council.

No. 523 $2.00 The sum of $2.00 was allowed to John R. Daly for digging two ditches on Exchange Street.

No. 524 $30.20 The sum of $30.20 was allowed to Jos. Johnston, Marshal for killing dogs & removing nuisances.

The Council adjourned until half-past one O'clock at which time it again aſsembled & was called to order by the Mayor. Present the same as this morning.

Ald. Graham's resignation was handed in by Ald. Danforth, & on his motion it was accepted.

Ald. Lewis M. Webber's place was on motion of

Ald. Walsh, declared vacated by removal.

On motion of Ald. Walsh it was

Ordered, that an election be held on Wednesday, May 11th at the School house in the 3d Ward, of the City of Rock Island, to elect one Alderman to represent the said ward in the City Council until Nov. 1st 1854, in place of L. M. Webber, removed from the said ward. The polls shall be opened at 8 O'clock A. M. and closed at 6, P. M.

Ordered, that C. Lynde, Sr., and John Holt be Judges of Election for the 3d Ward.

Ordered, that an election be held upon Wednesday, May 11th at the Mayor's office in the 2nd Ward of the City of Rock Island, to elect one Alderman to represent the said ward in the city council until Nov. 1st 1854, in place of Robert Graham, resigned. The polls shall be opened at 8 O'clock A. M. & closed at 6, P. M.

Ordered, that John L. Smith & Avery Briggs, be the judges of election for the 2d ward.

No.525, $10.40 The sum of $10.40, was allowed to Lewis M. Webber
No.526 & the sum of $10.40, was allowed to Robert Graham
$10.40 for services as Aldermen.

No.527 The sum of $26.00 was allowed to A. Stillman
$26.00 for services as surveyor.

Ald. Danforth, moved that a survey be made of Rock River & Water Streets, and the intermediate croſsing streets, for the purpose of establishing a grade.

Ald. Walsh moved to lay the subject on the table, which motion was lost, and Ald. Danforth's motion paſsed.

No. 528. $5.00 The sum of $5.00 was allowed to C. D. Gilbert, for services as Surveyor.

On motion of Ald. Walsh, the Council adjourned.

Wm Grizzell Mayor.

A. G. Brackett, Clerk.

Rock Island May 15th 1853

Regular Meeting: Present His Honor Wm. Grizzell Mayor.

Aldermen. Boyle. Daly. and Danforth.

The poll lists of the election held on the 11th day of May, having been returned to the mayor's office it was ordered that they be opened and examined by the council. — The same having been done, it was ascertained that Lewis M. Webber received 38 votes, Jesse M. Gray 17 votes and J. Gray 1 vote, for Alderman in the 2d ward, to serve until Nov. 1. 1854.

Cornelius Lynde Sr received 35 votes and John Holt one vote for Alderman in the 3d ward to serve until Nov 1. 1854. Whereupon Lewis M. Webber and

Cornelius Lynde was declared duly elected.

Alderman Webber was then duly sworn into office.
The Council then adjourned until Monday next

A. G. Brackett Clerk.

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May 23d 1853

The Council met at 2. o'clock P.M pursuant to adjournment. Present— His Honor the Mayor. Aldermen Boyle. Daly. Danforth. Lynde. Walsh and Webber. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ald. Webber handed in the resignation of A. G. Brackett. City Clerk which was accepted. On motion of Ald Danforth Ald Lynde was appointed Clerk pro tem. The bill of A. G. Brackett of $16.66 for services as City Clerk was presented by Ald Webber. Ald Walsh moved that A G. Brackett be allowed $17.20 for services as City Clerk. Rejected Ald Daly moved that A G Brackett be allowed $15.00 for services as city clerk. Adopted.

On motion of Ald Webber it was voted to proceed to the election of a city clerk.

The Ballots being taken and counted Robert W. Smith Esq having a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected to said office

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The City Surveyor by Mr A Stillman presented a map and plan of record for a grade for Water. Illinois. Orleans and Rock River Streets.

On motion of Ald Daly. it was voted to adopt and

No 529 establish the grade of said streets as surveyed by Mr Stillman

$25.00 Voted to pay Mr Stillman $25.00 for services as surveyor as per bill on file. Voted to pay the city printer $5.50

No 530 for printing. as per bill presented.

$950 Voted to pay Jos. Johnson $9.50 for money paid for digging ditch to drain slough.

On motion of Ald Danforth. it was. Ordered. That the Supervisor of Side Walks be directed to notify the owners of Lots on Illinois street between Madison and Beaver streets. to build side walks in front of said lots on or before the 4th day of July next. upon the grade established by the city Council this day. and that the side walks between East Eagle and Elk streets be built of stone. hard brick or plank. and the remainder of gravel. unless the owners prefer to build them of more substantial material. P.S. Albert was elected Supervisor of side walks—

No 531 Ordered that the City Marshall be allowed $3.00

3,00 for money paid P.S. Albert for killing dogs—

Ald Walsh introduced the following ordinance which was adopted. An Ordinance to License Beer

Beer Houses Houses. Be it ordained by the city Council of the City

Ordinance No 27 of Rock Island. that any person selling beer by retail within the limits of the City in less quantities than five gallons. without license from the City Council shall be liable to a fine of five dollars for every such offence

A License was granted to John Hartell. to keep a liquor bar at the Kossuth House for three months. for the sum of $35.00. On motion of Ald Danforth it was

Ordered. That N.B. Buford be appointed City Weigher with permission to charge for the service. not exceeding ten cents per draft.

John R. Daly presented his Report. as Supervisor of the first Ward for the year 1852. which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

No 538 $16.70 On motion voted to allow John R. Daly for services as Supervisor of the first Ward for the year 1852 $16.70

Ald Daly moved that $100. be appropriated for improving Exchange Street. Rejected.

Ald Danforth moved that the sum of $100. be appropriated for improving Buffalo Street leading to the grave yard Adopted.

Ald Webber moved that the sum of $50.00 be appropriated for improving Exchange street — Ald Walsh moved that the motion be amended by $99.50 instead of $50.00 and called for the yeas and nays. The amendment was rejected by the following vote.

Yeas Daly and Walsh

Nays Boyle. Danforth. Lynde and Webber

The original motion was then adopted.

Ald Boyle then moved, that that $50.00 be appropriated for improving Washington street. Adopted.

Ald Danforth, moved that Messrs J. W. Spencer &Co. be granted, the use of 140 feet of the Levee next above Washington street, until the 1st day of January next for the purpose of keeping, wood, coal, and freight for the benefit of the ferry for the sum of $20.00. Adopted.

On motion of Ald Webber P. S. Albert was appointed to superintend the expenditure of money appropriated for the improvement of Buffalo street.

On motion of Ald Day S. B. Stoddard was appointed to superinted the expenditure of money appropriated for the improvement of Exchange street.

On motion of Ald Boyle Sol Johnson was appointed to superinted the expenditure of money appropriated for the improvement of Washington street.

533 to 538 $6.00 Voted to pay John Holt. George Suter. John S. Smith And Avery Briggs one dollar each for services as judges and J. B. Danforth. Sen. and J. Silas. Seas. one dollar each for services as clerks at the late election

Adjourned

P. C. Snyder Sen
Clerk pro tem.

Rock Island May 30th 1853

Special Meeting. Present His Honor the Mayor and Aldermen Boyle Danforth and Lynde.

On motion of Ald Danforth the following Ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No 28

An Ordinance to regulate and establish the Grade of Water, Illinois, Orleans and Rock River Streets. together with the Grade of all the cross streets and Alleys between the said Water and Rock River streets.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. That the grade of Water Street shall be established as follows:

Commencing at a point in the centre of Water and Deer Streets on a level with a Bench Mark on an Ash tree, standing in the Northwest corner of the Court House yard: said Bench being one foot below the grade of Illinois street. running thence Eastwardly on the centre line of Water street as follows.

	Feet
1st Rise one foot 32-100 to the centre of Elk street Horizontal distance,	400
2d Thence on a level to the centre of the block between Buffalo and West Eagle streets	600
3d Thence rise 0. 49-100 of a foot to the centre of the block between east Eagle and Washington streets	609
4th Thence descend 0- 49-100 of a foot to the centre of Jefferson street	570

feet

5th Then rise to the Rail Road depot about 380

Commencing at the first above mentioned point in the centre of Deer and Water streets; thence running westwardly as follows.

1st Rise 1 foot to the centre of Beaver street 400
2d Thence on a level to the centre of Otter street 400
3d Thence rise four feet to the centre of Swan street 480
4th Thence rise 2 feet to the centre of Ohio street 400
5th Thence descend 2 feet to the centre of Exchange street 400
6th Thence descend 3 feet to the centre of Ontario street 395
7th Thence descend 1 foot to the centre of Pearl street 300
8th Thence on a level with the grade of Illinois and Orleans streets at their junction with said Water street
9th Thence rise to the grade of Rock River street.

Illinois Street.

Commencing in the centre of Illinois and Deer Streets, at a point one foot above the Bench first above refered to; running thence eastwardly on the centre line of Illinois street as follows:

1st Rise 2. 92-100 feet to the centre of Elk street
Horizontal distance 400
2d Thence rise 2. 17-100 feet to the centre of the block between Elk and Buffalo streets 200
3d Thence rise 1 74-100 to the centre of Buffalo street 200
4th Thence descend 50-100 of a foot for the distance of 260 ft 260
5th Thence descend 3 75-100 feet to the east line of west Eagle street 180.

6th Thence descend to the centre of Jefferson St 830

7th Thence descend 1. 22-100 feet to the centre of Adams St 760

8th Thence rise 1 11½-100 feet to the east line of the city 1075

Then commencing at the first mentioned point. in the centre of Dew and Illinois streets. run westwardly on the centre line of Illinois street as follows—

1st Rise 2 96-100 feet to the centre of Otter street Horizontal dist 800

2d Thence rise 5-26-100 feet to the centre of the block between Ohio and Exchange streets 1080

3d Thence rise 35-100 feet to the centre of Exchange Street 200

4th Thence descend 1. 67-100 feet to the centre of the block between Ontario and Pearl streets 545

5th Thence descend 6. 39-100 feet to the centre of the block between Main and Huron sts. 600

6th Thence descend to the grade of Water street.

Orleans Street.

Commencing at a point in the centre of Orleans and Elk streets 3. 28-100 feet below the top of the south door sill of the Court House, and 7. 03-100 feet above the Bench first above refered to. and running thence Eastwardly on the centre line of Orleans street as follows:

1st descend 5. 03-100 feet to the centre of Eagle street
Horizontal distance 800

2d descend 1 foot to the centre of Madison street 1140

3d Thence rise 90-100 foot to the east line of the city 1455

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1st Commencing at the first mentioned point in the centre of Orleans and Elk sts. running thence westwardly on the centre of Orleans street to the centre of the block between Deer and Elk sts — 1 foot fall 200

2d Thence descend 4 68-100 ft to the centre of the block between Deer and Beaver sts 400

3d Thence rise 2-87-100 feet to the centre of Shaw street 1080

4th Thence rise 6 72-100 feet to the centre of the block between Pearl and Main street. 1645

5th Thence descend 8. 94-100 feet to Monroe Street 1070

6th Thence descend to the grade of Water street.

Rock River Street.

Commencing at a point in the centre of Rock River and Deer streets 1. 85-100 feet above the aforementioned Bench Mark. running thence eastwardly on the centre of Rock River street as follows:

1st Descend 85-100 ft to the centre of the block between Eagle and Washington streets — Horizontal distance 1230

2d Thence rise 8. 21-100 feet to the east line of the City 2405

West part.

Commencing at the first mentioned point in the centre of Rock River, and Deer streets and. running westwardly along the centre line of Rock River street as follows:

1st Descend 85-100 ft to the centre of Beaver street 400

2d Thence rise 2. 41-100 feet to the centre of Exchange street 1680

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3d Thence rise 7. 21-100 feet to the centre of ~~Exchange~~ Howard Street 1295
4th Thence descend 9 feet to the centre of Water Street 1350

Sec 2d Be it further ordained. That the grade of the several intermediate cross streets, avenues, lanes and alleys between the above mentioned Water, Illinois, Orleans and Rock River streets be established on a straight line from the centre of Water to the centre of Illinois street; from the centre of Illinois to the centre of Orleans street; and from the centre of Orleans to the centre of Rock River Street.

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Rock Island June 20th 1853

Regular Meeting

Present His Honor the Mayor Ald. Danforth, Daly, Lynde and Webber.

No 539 $50.00 The Bill of Lot Johnson for $50.00 for work done on Washington Street was presented and allowed: and the amount ordered to be paid.

Ald Lynde presented the following Order which was adopted.

Ordinance Ordered, that hereafter all accounts and bills allowed by the City Council, shall be receipted by the person to the same are allowed or some person authorized by him, before he shall receive an order for the same.

No 540 $5.60 Voted to allow C. Morey $5.60 for boarding criminals in jail. The following Ordinance was presented by Ald Danforth.

An ordinance more particularly describing the grade of the East part of Illinois St.

Ordinance No 29 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. That the grade of the East part of Illinois Street shall be regulated and established as follows

Commencing in the centre of Illinois And Deer Streets at a point one foot above a bench mark, on an ash tree standing in the North east corner of the court house yard. running thence eastwardly on the centre line of Illinois street as follows

1st Rise 3 05-100 ft to the centre of Elk Street

Horizontal distance ft 400

2d Rise 4 50-100 to the centre of Buffalo Street 400

3d Rise 83/100 for a Horizontal distance of 220

4th Descend 3 97/100 to the East line of West Eagle Street " .. 220

5th Descend 1 81/100 to the centre of Washington Street. about 450

6th Descend 86/100 to the centre of Jefferson Street . . 380

7th Descend 1 28/100 to the centre of Adams Street " " 760

8th Thence rise 1 11½-100 to the east line of the city (special regard being had to the Bench as recorded for this Street) 1075

No 541 $38.00 Voted to pay Mr Stillman $38.00 for services as Surveyor as per bill on file. Voted to pay Ald Danforth

No $10.75 $10.75 for services rendered as City Printer.

No 542 $1.00 Voted to pay J M Moore $100 for lock and staples furnished for the Cemetery

On motion of Ald Snyde the following order was was passed

Ordered, that the Supervisor of side walks be directed to proceed to the construction of crossings between Madison and Bean Streets making them at least ten feet in width to be composed of sand and Marl Macadamized with a face of broken stone Excepting that the crossings on Dew Street may be constructed without stone -

On motion of Adl Gynde the following order was passed

Committee That His Hon. the Mayor. Alderman S. M. Webber and A. B Danforth Jr be constituted a committee to investigate the claim of the City to the public ground called the Methodist Square; and report at the next regular meeting of the Board such measures as they would advise to take in the premises

Adjourned

R. W Smith Clerk

Rock Island July 7th 1853

Special Meeting

Present, his Honor the Mayor and Ald Danforth. Lynde. and Webber.

Ald. Lynde introduced the following preamble and order which was adopted.

Preamble & Order

Whereas report has been made to this board by the Supervisor of Side walks. that many persons living upon Illinois St. within the limits ordered to be graded have neglected or refused to comply with the existing orders and ordinances of the City in reference to the construction of side walks after having been notified, so to do, Therefore be it. Ordered, that the supervisor of side walks be directed forthwith to proceed to construct such side walks in the manner contemplated & required by the rules, orders, and ordinances of the City; And that the city clerk forthwith furnish a copy of this order to the Supervisor of side walks.

Adjourned

R. W. Smith Clerk

July 7th 7 o'clock P.M.

The Council again convened upon call of the Mayor, Present same as above.

The resignation of P. S. Albert Supervisor of side walks was presented by the Mayor, & was accepted

On motion of Ald Webber C Lynde Senior was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the Resignation of Mr Albert and personal notice of his election and the order of the board served upon Mr Lynde at the time of his election

Adjourned

R. W. Smith Clerk

Rock Island July 18th 1853

Regular Meeting Present. Alderman Boyle. Daly. Danforth. Lynde and Webber.

Ald Lynde was appointed Mayor pro tem and Ald Danforth Clerk pro tem. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Bills for labor on side walks and streets were presented and allowed as follows & placed on file.

No 543 $100.00	P. S. Albert for work on Buffalo Street as appropriated	100.00
No 544 $ 11.35	Same for superintending work on Buffalo Street	11.25
No 545 $64.50	Same for work on side walks and crossings	64.50
No 546 80.70	C. Lynde do do do	80.70
No 547 4.00	City Printer for publishing proceedings	4.00
No 548 50.35	S. B Stoddard for work on Exchange St	50.35
No 549 5.00	Same for superintending work on Exchange Street	5.00

Jos Johnson for superintending work on Washington Street. $5.00

Ald Boyle moved that proposals be invited by the City Clerk till Saturday 23d Inst. at 2 o'clock P.M. for filling Illinois Street to the city grade from west Eagle Street to Jefferson street. The material for filling to be obtained within the limits of the city at such places as the Mayor may direct. and the proposal to embrace the gross amount for the whole job. and the work to be completed previous to the third Monday of September next. Adopted

Adjourned

S. B. Danforth Jr Clk pro tem

City Council

Rock Island Aug 15th 1853

Regular Meeting — Present — his Honor the Mayor and Alderman Boyle. Danforth. Daly & Webber.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Ald Daly moved that the assessor be directed to make an assessment of the real and personal property of the city in order to raise funds — to pay the interest on the rail road bonds — and for other purposes. Adopted. The following ordinance was presented by the Mayor and on motion of Alderman Boyle. It was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordinance laid on table

An Ordinance in relation to the Chicago and R. I. R-R. their, Depot grounds, &c -

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. That the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company- are authorised to lay down any number of tracks and switches which may be necessary for the convenient transaction of their business across and through any & all Streets. alleys and public grounds. both within and north of their Depot grounds. located in that part of the City of Rock Island. known as Spencer & Cases. and Baily & Boyles Additions of said City, with the further privilege of running tracks and switches into Madison and front or Water streets, but not to extend them further west than Jefferson Street. and to be so laid or constructed as not materially to obstruct the travel and business of said streets. and said Rail Road company are further authorised and empowered (so far as said city has the power so to do) to use during the continuance of their charter all Streets and Alleys within their Depot grounds laying north of & between said Depot Grounds and Mississippi river for the purpose of tracks, switches. Depot buildings and all other purposes and uses which may be necessary in carrying on the various operations of their business.

Said Rail Road Company shall at all times on reasonable notice by the city Authority, at their own expense make. or cause to be made through their Depot. grounds or the streets and Alleys thereof all necessary drains which may be required of them and be necessary for draining the east part of said city of Rock Island.

This ordinance shall take effect & be in force from and after the assent thereto- of the proper officers of the Company to be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the corporation

Vote

Those who voted in favor of laying the ordinance on the table were, Aldermen Boyle Daly and Webber, Against laying the ordinance on the table Danforth

The Mayor from a committee in relation to the public square, made the following report. viz

Report Public Square

To the city Council of Rock Island

Gentlemen! — The undersigned. your committee appointed to make report. in relation to the Public Square on which the Methodist Church. and a district School House now stands after having examined the matter in regard to the title to the same. beg leave respectfully to recommend that the city attornies be directed to take legal measures to obtain possession of said Square for the use of the city at the earliest possible day.

Wm Frizzell }
S. M. Webber } Committee
I. B. Danforth }

Rock Island August 15th 1853

Ald Boyle moved that the report be adopted & it was unanimously agreed to.

The following bills were allowed and filed in the Clerk's office

551 $6.30	E. Morey Jail Keeper	$ 6.30
552 $1.50	City Printer	" 1.50
553 10.00	R. Wilkinson	" 10.00

The Mayor was appointed a committee to assist the city attornies in prosecuting the suits against Samuel Underhill

Ald Daly moved that the side walks from Beaver to Exchange Streets be made to the city grade by the first day of November next. adopted.

On Motion of Ald Webber the Council adjourned

R. W. Smith Clerk

City Council
Rock Island Aug 30. 1853
Special Meeting

Present - His Honor the Mayor and Aldermen Boyle. Daly Danforth. Gynde & Walsh

Ald Danforth was appointed Clerk "pro tem".

Ald Boyle called up the ordinance in relation to the rail road depot.

Ald Walsh. moved to strike out the words "and said Rail Road Company are further authorized and empowered (so far as said city has the power so to do) to use during the continuance of their charter, all streets and alleys within their depot grounds and all streets and alleys and public grounds laying north of and between said depot grounds and the Mississippi River. for the purposes of tracks, switches. depot buildings and all other purposes and uses which may be necessary - in carrying on the various operations of their business. and add in lieu thereof. the words - "and public grounds -

Ald Danforth demanded the yeas & nays. & they were taken as follows.

Yeas - Ald Boyle. Daly. & Walsh -

Nays - Ald Danforth & Gynde

So the amendment was adopted

Ald Daly then moved to adopt the ordinance as amended.

Yeas – Ald Boyle. Daly and Walsh
Nays – Ald Danforth & Lynde

So the Ordinance was adopted as amended & is as follows:

Ordinance No 30 An Ordinance in relation to the Chicago & R. I. R R Company their Depot grounds &c

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. That the Chicago & Rock Island Rail Road Company. are authorized to lay down any number of tracks & switches which may be necessary for the convenient transaction of their business across and through any and all streets alleys and public grounds. both within and north of their Depot grounds - located within that part of the City of Rock Island known as Spencer & Case's and Bailey & Boyle's Additions of said city with the further privilege of running tracks & switches into Madison and Front or Water Streets but not to extend them further west. than Jefferson Street and to be so laid or constructed as not materially to obstruct the travel and business of said streets. and public grounds –

Said Rail road Company shall at all times on reasonable notice by the City Authority at their own expense make or cause to be made through their Depot grounds. or the streets & alleys thereof all necessary drains which may be required of them and be necessary for draining the East part of of the said City of Rock Island and keep the same in good repair at all times.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the assent thereto of the proper officer or officers of the Rail Road Company to be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the city corporation

Ald Danforth introduced the following ordinance, and moved its adoption.

Ordinance No 31

An ordinance in relation to the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company, their depots & grounds

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island. That the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company. are hereby authorized and empowered. so far as the city has authority so to do to construct any Depot, or other necessary buildings for the accommodation of said company. (for depot purposes.) upon or across any Street, lane avenue, alley, or public ground embraced in the depot grounds. of said company taken by. or sold. or appraised to the said Company. for depot purposes within the limits of said city; and the further. privilege of the right of way. for all their necessary Rail Road purposes. over and upon any portion of the levee lying between said railroad depot and the Mississippi river

Ald. Walsh moved to strike out the words "Streets. lanes, avenues, alleys and public grounds" and insert in lieu thereof the word "alleys".

Yeas - Ald. Daly and Walsh

Nays - Ald. Boyle Danforth and Lynde.

So the Amendment was rejected.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Ordinance as originaly introduced, it was passed by the following vote

Yeas - Ald. Boyle. Danforth and Lynde.

Nays - Ald. Daly and Walsh

On motion of Ald. Danforth the council adjourned

J B Danforth Jr Clerk, pro tem

Aug 22d
1853

City Council

Rock Island Aug 22d. 1853

Special Meeting

Present - His Honor the Mayor. and Aldermen Boyle. Daly. Danforth and Lynde.

Ald Danforth was appointed Clerk. pro tem.

The following petition signed by 162 names "For" and by 2 names "against" was presented to the board by the Mayor viz:-

Petition of Citizens

To Hon. Wm. Frizzell Mayor of Rock Island

Dear Sir:- The undersigned citizens and and voters of Rock Island, request you to call a meeting of the city council forthwith to act upon a proposition to relinquish to the Rail Road Company for the erection of depot buildings and all other railroad purposes. that portion of Water street and the levee grounds in front of their depot grounds. being in front of blocks 4 and 5 in Spencer and Case's Addition.

And in case of any want of necessary legal authority to make such conveyance. to procure as soon as may be. the enactment of such a law. as will authorize it. and (under which) to perfect and confirm such conveyance.

Those of us in favor of such grant have so recorded our names; and those against it have so recorded our names.

Rock Island Aug 22d 1863

For Against

Ordinance

Ald Lynde then introduced the following preamble and ordinances

Whereas, the citizens and voters of the city of Rock Island have this day presented to the Mayor and Common Council of said city their petition, praying that said City Council - relinquish to the Chicago and Rock Island

Rail Road Company. for the erection of Depot buildings and all other rail road purposes. that portion of Water Street and the Levee and ground lying in front of their Depot grounds being in front of Blocks 4 and 5. in Spencer and Case's Addition to said city; and in case of a want of authority to make such conveyance to procure as soon as may be the enactment of such law as will authorize a more perfect conveyance to be made of said above described premises and privileges;- and whereas it appears that a large Majority of the voters of said city have petitioned for the relinquishing of said grounds and privileges to said Rail Road Company. Therefore,

Ordinance No 32

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. That the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company. are authorized to lay down any number of tracks and switches which may be necessary for the convenient ~~forthe~~ transaction of their business across and through any and all Streets alleys. and public grounds- both within and north of their Depot grounds. located in that part of the City of Rock Island. known as Spencer & Case's. and Bailey & Boyle's Additions to said city. with the further privilege of running tracks and switches into Madison ~~and~~ front or Water Streets but not to extend them further west than Jefferson Street. and to be so laid or constructed as not materially to obstruct the travel and business of said Streets; and said Rail Road Company are further Authorized And empowered (So far as said city has the power so to do.) to use during the continuance of their charter. all streets and alleys within their Depot grounds. and all streets, alleys and public grounds lying north of and between said Depot grounds and the Mississippi River. for the purpose of tracks. switches. depot buildings and all other purposes and uses which may be necessary in carrying on the various operations of their business

Said Rail Road Company. shall at all times on reasonable notice by the city Authority. at their own expense make or cause to be made. through their depot grounds. or the streets and alleys thereof. all necessary drains which may be required of them and be necessary for draining the east part of said city of Rock Island and keep the same in good repair at all times.

Provided. That if said Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company. abandon & cease to occupy the above premises and privileges for rail road and depot purposes, that the same shall then revert and belong to said city.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the assent thereto of the proper officer or officers of the rail Road Company to be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the city Corporation

~~Ordinance~~ ~~No 33~~

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. That Joseph Knox. Cornelius Lynde Sen. an Samuel Andrews be and the same are hereby appointed a committee to procure from the Legislature of this State at its next session the passage of a law. authorizing and empowering the said city to relinquish the above grounds and privileges to said Rail Road Company. and to ratify and legalize the relinquishment this day made

The yeas and nays being demanded by Ald. Danforth were as follows.

Yeas. - Aldermen Boyle. Daly. Danforth & Lynde.
Nays. - None. So the ordinance was adopted.
Adjourned

J B Danforth Jr Clk pro tem

City Council
Rock Island Sept 19th 1863

Regular Meeting – Present his Honor the Mayor – Aldermen. Boyle, Daly, Danforth, Lynde & Webber

On motion of Ald. Danforth His Honor the Mayor was instructed to dispose of the Interest scrip on the rail road stock due the 10th day of July last, for the purpose of paying the interest on the rail road Bonds – due in November next

Mr A K Phileo presented an assessment of the real & personal property of the city & on motion the same was accepted.

Ald Daly moved that a tax of 20 cents be levied on each one hundred dollars for city purposes –

Albert Butcher having presented his application for a license to keep and maintain a grocery and billiard table within the limits of the city. It was moved by Ald Daly that such a license be granted said Butcher upon his paying into the city Treasury One hundred and fifty dollars and entering into Bonds as required by law.

Also a license was granted Patrick Murrin to keep and maintain a grocery in said city upon his entering into bonds and paying into the city Treasury the sum of One hundred dollars

Ald Lynde moved that $300 be appropriated for the purpose of filling Illinois St between West Eagle and Jefferson Streets – and the Mayor appointed a committee to superintend the expenditure of said money. Adopted

Ald Day moved to appropriate $25.00 for filling up between Beaver & Allen Streets. Adopted

Ald Danforth moved that $50.00 be appropriated in filling with stone and gravel the ditches on the Levee and that the Mayor superintend the expenditure of the money. Adopted

On motion of Ald Danforth it was Ordered—

Order That the Supervisor of Side walks be directed to notify persons in arrear for building sidewalks on Illinois Street to pay the same on or before the 1st day of Oct next. and that after that day suits at law, for the recovery of all balances due, be instituted

No 554 $60.70 The bill of Ald Lynde of $60.70/100 for work done on sidewalks was presented, allowed & ordered to be paid

On motion of Ald Danforth it was—

Order Ordered. That the Mayor be authorized and requested to purchase for the city the tract of land known as fractional blocks 1. and 8. between Rock River and Commercial Streets and Buffalo & Eagle Streets for the purpose of erecting thereon suitable buildings for a city Market House. City Council Room. Mayor's office. Police offices &c Adopted

On motion a license was granted to John Hartell to keep a Grocery in said City—

Ald Danforth moved that the Council proceed to ballot for Judges of Elections in each ward

The vote being taken resulted as follows

1st Ward — Jacob Norris. Jos Conway
2d Ward — J. B. Danforth Sr. Horace S. Child
3d Ward — John Holt. George Sutter

The Petition of Wm. Bailey and others was presented praying the enactment of certain laws in relation to groceries &c Said petition on motion of Ald Lynde was referred to a committee of two. to report at the next regular meeting of the board. Ald Danforth and Boyle were appointed said committee

No 555 — Ordered to pay R. W. Smith the sum of Four 90/100 Dollars
$4.90 the amount of redemption money on Lot six in block three. Spencer's & Case's Addition —

Ald Boyle presented the resignation of Ald Walsh to take effect from and after the 1st of Nov next. Accepted.

On motion the Council adjourned

R. W. Smith
Clerk

City Council

Regular meeting. Rock Island Oct 17th 1853

Present his Honor the Mayor.

Aldermen Daly Danforth. Lynde. Walsh & Webber.

On motion of Ald. Danforth an order was directed to be
No 556 $675.84 drawn on the Treasury in favor of the Mayor for $675.84.
for the purpose of makeing up the balance of interest due
No 557 $3.38 on the Railroad bonds, and an additional order for
$3.38, the amount of exchange on the same in
favor of New York.

No 558 $375.00 On motion it was ordered to pay the
Mayor $375.00 being amount of money appropriated
for work done on streets.

On motion of Ald. Walsh it was.

Ordered, That the Treasurer's accounts be made up to Saturday, Oct 29th and audited by the Board on that day, preparatory to their publication on Wednesday Nov 2nd, 1853.

On motion it was

Ordered. To pay the City Printer the sum of $20.00 for publishing Council proceedings advertising assessor's notice. advertising city election notice and printing blanks.

J. B. Danforth Jr and James Boyle the Committee appointed to make report in relation to the Petition of Mr Baily & others (asking enactments in relation to Groceries &c) reported & on motion the report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file

Ald Walsh moved that the $20.000 assessed against the Rock Island Bank as Brokers be remitted Adopted. Motion of the same to remit $1.000 on the assessment against Thomas J. Buford

No 557 Adopted, Ordered to pay A K Philleo $25.00 for
$25.00 making second assessment for city &c
No 1.60 Also H. A. Porter $1.60 for assessor's Books.

The following resolution was introduced by Ald Danforth:

Resolution Resolved. That the record made by the Clerk this day in relation to the rescinding of the tax of $20.000 assessed to the Rock Island Bank be and the same is hereby expunged; it having been shown to the Board by the assessor since the vote was passed, that the said sum was given in by the President of the said Bank for taxation

Ald Lynde moved that the resolution lay upon the table.

Ald Danforth demanded the "yeas" & "nays" which being taken were as follows.

Yeas. Ald Daly Lynde. Walsh Webber.

Nays - Ald Danforth.

Ald Danforth presented the following resolution.

Resolution Resolved. That the vote passed this day reducing the assessment to T. J. Buford for his interest in the Steamboat Excelsior from $3.000. to $2.000 be and the same is hereby rescinded. it having been shown by the Assessor that Mr Buford gave in his interest for that sum.

Ald Danforth called for the "yeas" & "nays". on the above resolution. His Honor the Mayor decided it out of order. whereupon Ald Danforth appealed from the decission of the chair.

The question being put, the decission of the chair was sustained. The resolution was then rejected

On motion. the Council adjourned

R. W. Smith Clerk

City Council

November 7th 1853

Special Meeting: The City Council met pursuant to adjournment
Present His Honor the Mayor.
Aldermen Boyle. Daly. Danforth. Lynde & Webber.

The Poll lists from the several Wards of the City for the last election for Mayor and Aldermen having been returned to the Council room it was Ordered, That the same now be opened.

The votes for Mayor being counted stood as follows.

William Frizzell	had	114	votes for Mayor
M B Osborne	had	92	votes for Mayor
C. Lynde Jr	had	68	votes for Mayor.

William Frizzell having received the greatest number of votes. for said office. was declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Rock Island for the ensuing year.

The vote for Aldermen in the 1st Ward was as follows.

D. B. Rice	received	35.	votes
Wm Shean	"	29	"
C. H. Stoddard	"	26	"
J. Bollman	"	26	"
A R. Phillis	"	19	"
J. Boice	"	6	"
Wm Hale	"	1	"

J. Shearer	received	1	vote
Jo Conway	"	1	"

Messrs Rice and Shearer having received the greatest number of votes for said office were declared duly elected Alderman for the 1st Ward.

The vote for Alderman in the 2d Ward was as follows

William Hale	received	79	votes
David Bowen	"	35	"
George Walter	"	1	"
G. Bollmann	"	2	"
C. H. Stoddard	"	2	"

Wm. Hale having received the greatest number of votes for said office, was declared duly elected Alderman for the second Ward.

The vote for Alderman in the 3d Ward was as follows

George Walter,	received	56	votes
G. W. Harris	"	21	"
Wm Hale	"	2	"
David Bowen	"	1	"

George Walter having received the greatest number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Alderman, for the 3d Ward.

The Council adjourned to meet on Thursday evening next at 7 O'clock P. M.

R. W. Smith
Clerk

City Council— Rock Island Nov 21st 1853

Regular Meeting— Present His Honor the Mayor—
Aldermen—, Boyle, Daly, Danforth, Lynde, and Webber.

The proceedings of the previous meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented his report in relation to monies received and paid out, as interest upon the Rail Road Bonds, which was unanimously adopted, and the Clerk ordered to deface and file away the coupons accompanying the same. Letters were received from the city council of the cities of Springfield and Peoria, asking of the council of the city of Rock Island, to express their views in relation to the expediency of petitioning the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature of this State, and on motion the same were laid on the table.

The Mayor, a committee appointed to purchase grounds suitable for a city Market House, &c, laid before the Board, a survey of the tract in question, and the same appearing to the Board as insufficient for the purposes desired, the report was accepted, and the mayor discharged from further services on said committee.

Messrs. Knox & Drury sent in their resignation as City Attorney's and on motion the same was accepted.

On motion of

Ald. Daly a license was granted John Zeigler and Valentine Ohlweiler, to keep a liquor saloon within the limits of the city, for the space of three months, upon their paying into the city Treasury the sum of twenty-five dollars.

A license was also granted to B. F. Barrett to keep a liquor saloon and billiard table, for the period of six months, upon his paying into the City Treasury the sum of seventy five dollars.

On motion of Ald. Daly the assessment against the Rock Island and Camden Plank Road Company was abated. On motion of Ald. Lynde, the assessments against the following persons, and for the following amounts were abated.

George Mixter, —	$3.320
Joseph Knox, —	3,075
John S. Hughes, —	50
Bailey Davenport,	1,020
Sutton & Fowler,	330
David Sollabayer,	85
J. W. Shaffer,	30
J. Whitmore,	125
Elizy Whitmore,	200
Warner & Sherwin,	1,070

The following bills were presented, accepted and ordered to be paid

161	J. H. Hatch, rent for room one year —	$60.00
162	Bailey & Boyle, work done on street —	5.00
163	Jas Johnston work done on streets & percentage on moneys collected	148.25

L. M. Webber, percentage on money received $ 74.92
Wm. Frizzell, salary for past year — 50.00
J. R. Daly — — — — 25.00
J. B. Danforth — — — — 25.00
James Boyle — — — 25.00
C. Lynde, Sr — part year — 14.60
L. M. Webber — — — 16.60

R. W. Smith — for services as Clerk, making copy of assessment book, and money advanced. $ 76.15

J. R. Daly. work done on culverts and material furnished for the same —— $ 2.00

L. M. Webber, Treasurer of the city of Rock Island, presented his report of monies received and paid out during the present fiscal year, which was accepted, approved and ordered to be placed on record and filed.

Ordered, That the City Marshal be directed to make return of the delinquent tax list on this 21st day of November 1853. The Marshal haveing returned the said list it was Ordered, That the sale of the property returned as the delinquent tax list be made on the fourth Monday of December next, it being the 26th day of said month, at the Court House in the city of Rock Island for the payment of the taxes and costs due thereon.

The list of delinquent tax payers on personal property, was also returned by the Marshal, and ordered to be placed on file. The Council adjourned. —

Wm. Frizzell, Mayor

R. W. Smith, Clerk.

Mayor's Report.

To the City Council,

On the 17th day of January last. the council passed and order directing the mayor to sell the convertible scrip due the city for interest on rail road bonds on the 1st day of May following.– In accordance with that order, I sold to Mr, Wm. A. Nourse of Moline the first instalment of interest scrip due the city, for 85 cents on the dollar.

The amount sold was $3. 333. 33.
Dis count 15 per cent – 500. 00
$2,833,33

This sum was deposited with Messrs. Cook & Sargent on the 22nd day of March, and
interest received on the same to the amount of 13.17
Making the sum of $2,846,50

On the 1st day of May I procured of Messrs.
Cook & Sargent a draft on New York for — $2. 500. 00
One per cent exchange paid on same is 25,00
One ½ of 1 per cent paid for taking up coupons
in New York is — 12,50
Making the amount paid out $2,537,50
Leaving in my hands the sum of 309.00

This sum I have paid into the hands of the city Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. I have also collected from Lemuel Andrews, Esq, the sum of one hundred dollars due the city for excess of rail road bonds over the sum of $50.000, and have paid the same into the hands of the city treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. On the 19th of September last, an order was passed by the council directing the mayor to sell the interest scrip due the city on the 10th day of July last, and pay the interest on railroad bonds, due the 1st day of November. In accordance with that order, I sold for 82½ cents on the dollar, to Messrs. Sawyer, Whitaker & Co, on the 18th of October last, the July instalment of interest scrip amounting to — — $2.222,22

Discount 17½ per cent is 388.89
Paid Messrs. Sawyer Whitaker &co. for
draft on New York ½ of 1 per cent is $9.17 — 398.06
Amount received from S W & Co 1.824.16
Cash received of city treasurer per order of the council 675.84
Making $2,500,00

This amount I have forwarded in drafts payable in New York funds, to Hon. A. C. Flagg, treasurer of the Chicargo and Rock Island Rail Road Company, to pay the interest due on railroad bonds the 1st day of November, — a receipt for which sum I have in my poſsession. I also paid Messrs. Sawyer, Whitaker &Co $8.38 for draft of $675.84 on New York, to make up the sum of $2,500.00 for which sum I have received an order on the city treasurer. I herewith present to the council, interest coupons on railroad bonds to the amount of $2.500 being the first payment of interest on said bonds, and would recommend that they be defaced or destroyed. The coupons for the second payment of interest have not yet been received. When they are, they will be handed to the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Frizzell Mayor.

Rock Island, Nov. 10th 1853.

To the Citizens of Rock Island:

The following fiscal statement of monies received and paid out by Treasurer Webber, having been submitted by him to the Council, has been examined, and is believed to be a full and correct account of all monies received and paid out by him during the fiscal year just closed; and is published by order of the Council.

Rock Island Nov 21, 1853

Wm. Frizzell Mayor.

R. W. Smith, Clerk.

To the City Council:

In submitting my annual report, I beg leave to say, that I have not stated for what purposes the orders I have paid were given, because the purpose is not stated upon the order. Those who have read the published proceedings of the Council during the past year, will know what each order is for, as it has all been published once among the official proceedings of the Council.

Very respectfully,
L. M. Webber, Treasurer.

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City of Rock Island —

In account with L. M. Webber, Tr.

1852 —		Cr.
Dec 1 —	Cash of Treasurer Bell —— —	$ 918, 77
" 23 —	Of City Marshal for taxes ——	35, 00
1853 — Jan 2 —	Of Clerk for taxes —— —	100, 00
" 17	" " " " —— —	35, 00
"	" " " " —— —	6, 62
"	" Marshal " —— —	3, 81
Feb 24 —	Sawyer, Whitaker & co. wharf boat license — — — —	2 20, 00
Mar 15 —	McKay fine — — —	5, 00
" —	Fine on horse taken up, ——	,50
17 —	License of drays and carts, ——	38, 00
" —	Baxter and Foote Lisence,	10, 00
Apr 4 —	Guthrie grocery lisence, — —	100, 00
7 —	Dray and Wagon lisence ——	6, 25
8 —	Fine —— — —	3, 00
May 23 —	B. F. Barrett license, — —	75, 00
23 —	F. Ridenbaugh, license	175, 00
23 —	Davenport Glee Club, do, —	5, 00
June 1 —	Beer House license — —	10, 00
		1546 95

June - 1 -	Redemption money on city Lots. — —	$15, 00
" 17 -	Floating Palace license. — —	10, 00
July - 23 -	Use of levee. — — —	20, 00
" " -	Beer House license — —	5, 00
" " -	" " " " — —	5, 00
Aug - 3 -	Winchell, for show. — —	5. 00
" 12 -	Herr Alexander. " — —	5, 00
" 12 -	Kossuth House license. — —	50. 00
" 20 -	Mansion House license — —	50. 00
Oct - 6 -	Negro Minstrels, license — —	3. 00
" 17 -	City Marshal, for taxes — —	700, 00
" 28 -	Mayor bal. R. R. interest — —	309, 00
" 28 -	Mayor for R Road ~~money~~ interest returned by L Andrews —	100, 00
Nov - 5 -	Marshal for taxes	52, 18
" " -	Alb't Butcher for license	150, 00
" 21 -	Of mayor for fines, — —	12, 00
" " -	Zeigler & Olewiler license —	25, 00
" " -	B. F. Barrett. " " —	75, 00
" " -	Of Marshal for taxes — —	633. 00
	Total receipts	$3.771.13

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To Boothe note on hand, received of former Treasurer as cash — —	$35, 00
" Rock Island County Orders on hand rec'd from former Treasurer as cash — —	19. 84
" To cash paid for city orders as follows: —	$3845 97

No 480	J. H. Hatch	$12.50
" 489.	J. H. Hatch	12.50
" 541	E Morey	5.60
" 532	A. G. Brackett	15.00
" 536	J. B. Danforth	1.00
"	Thos Biddison	56.00
"	M. W. Conway	1.00
" 351	J. G. Blythe	1.00
" 520	A. H. Philleo	40.00
" 509	Cook & Sargent	13.08
" 508	A. G Brackett	2.03
" 519	J. B. Danforth Jr	5.50
" 518	P. S. Albert	47.10
" 375	James W Brackett	1.00
" 516	D. B Walsh	1.00
" 517	John R Daly	58.00
" 484	E. P. Reynolds	9.12
" 408	N. Lynch	1.00
" 507	Nichols & Danforth	34.00
" 424	M W. Conway	1.00
" 474	Philip Jahn	1.00
" 504	E. P. Reynolds	98.50
" 403	Joseph Johnston	1.00
" 510	Wm. Brackett	6.75
" 407	M. W. Conway	1.00
" 492	A. H. Philleo	1.00
" 506	A Lettick	86.03
		$512.71

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Do	528	E. D. Gilbert.	$ 6.00
"	511	F. S. Nichols	31.33
"	473	Jy Cook	4.00
"	476	Wm Cozen	.40
"	512	Nichols & Danforth	110.25
"	497	W. F. Gilmore	1.00
"	526	L. M. Webber	10.40
"	524	Jos Johnston	30.20
"	527	A Stillman	26.00
"	522	J. B. Danforth, Jr	3.50
"	521	H. A. Porter	4.20
"	533	John R Daly	16.70
"	534	P. S. Albert	3.00
"	530	J. B. Danforth, Jr	5.50
"	531	Joseph Johnston	9.50
"	529	A Stillman	25.00
"	539	J. B. Danforth, Jr	10.75
"	538	A Stillman	38.00
"	535	John Holt	1.00
"	540	Joseph Johnston	50.00
"	559	J. B. Danforth, Jr	20.00
"	560	A. K. Philler	25.00
"	558	Wm Grizzell	2.38
"	557	Wm Grizzell	675.84
"	555	R. W. Smith	4.90
"	552	E. Morrey	6.30
"	551	R. Wilkinson	10.00
			1643.86

		$1643.86
No 553 –	J. B. Danforth, Jr	$ 1.50
" 556 –	C Lynde, Sr —	60, 70
" 554 –	J. B. Danforth Jr —	12, 00
" 626 –	Robt Graham —	10.40
" 550 –	Jos Johnston —	5.00
" 549 –	S. B. Stoddard —	5, 00
" 547 –	J. B. Danforth, Jr	4.00
" 544 –	P. S. Albert —	11. 25
" 545 –	" "	64. 50
" 543 –	" "	100. 00
" 548 –	S B – Stoddard —	51, 35
" 546 –	C Lynde Sr —	80, 17
" 537 –	J. L. Smith	1. 00
" 562 –	Wm Frizzell — —	375, 00
" 513 –	S. S. Guyer —	1. 00
" 514 –	W. S. Sage — –	1. 00
" 343 –	John R Daly —	1. 00
" 523 –	" " " — —	2. 00
" 49 –	Elisha F. Calkins — —	1. 25
" 51 –	John Thompson —	.25
" 372 –	W. H. Sage — —	1. 00
" 26 –	Lee F. Chamberlin —	1. 00
" 565 –	J B Danforth Jr —	5.75
" 591 –	" " " " —	25. 00
" 590 –	John R Daly — —	25. 00
" 595 –	Wm Frizzell —	25, 50
" 569 –	" " " " —	50. 00
		$2560.48

$2564.48

Do	574	L. M. Webber	$14.60
"	573	C Lynde	14.60
"	567	J. H. Hatch	60.00
"	566	R. W. Smith	76.15
"	578	L. M. Webber	74.92
"	576	Jos Johnston	74.46
"	577	" " "	73.80
"	505	Charles Simmons	.90
"	579	John R Daly	2.00
"	564	Knox & Drury	70.00
"	568	Bailey & Boyle	5.00
"	572	James Boyle	25.00
"	561	H. A. Porter	1.60
"	563	Amos Stillman	2.00
"	542	J. M. Moore	1.00

Amount of orders paid $3.135.35

Recapitulation

Total receipts during the present fiscal year	$3.771.13
Total amount of orders paid during present fiscal year	3,135.35
Ba~~l~~lance	$635.84

Deduct Boothe note on hand $55,00
County Orders do 19.84 74.84

Leaving a balance in the Treasury this day of $560.94

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. M. Webber, City Treasr

Rock Island, Nov, 21. 1853

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City Council – Nov 22. 1853

Special Meeting — Present His Honor the Mayor, Ald– Boyle, Danforth, Lynde, and Webber. – Wm Frizzell Mayor, and Messrs Lynde and Webber, of the old Board; and Messrs Hale Rice, Shearer and Walker aldermen elect being present were duly sworn into office, by His Honor Judge Wilkinson. The council then proceeded to ballot for city officers. Quincy McNeil having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Clerk of the city for the ensuing year.

Joseph Johnston was elected Marshall.
Messrs Knox & Drury " " city Atty's.
L. M. Webber " " Treasurer.
A. K. Philleo " " Assessor.
Jos Conway, Supervisor for 1st Ward
Peter G Albert " 2d "
Jos Johnston " 3d "
Amos Stillman — — Surveyor.
C Lynde Sen Supervisor for Side walks
R Graham, Fire Warden for 1st Ward
J G Blythe " " " 2d "

Frayer Wilson Fire Warden for 3d Ward
Wm Shearer city Measurer.

Messrs Bailey & Boyle presented their petition asking of the city council the privilege of useing that portion of Water street lying south of blocks 11. 12 and 3, together with the cross streets between said blocks. in Chicago or lower addition to the city of Rock Island for the purpose of Boat and Mill yards. so as not to interfere with the rights of the public to pass said streets. Adopted.

On motion of Ald Rice. the following Resolutions were adopted

Resolution Resolved, – That the recent decision of the Supreme Court of this State, declaring the several Mayors of cities in said State, to be destitute of all judicial authority, renders it, in our judgment highly important that the Governor should at as early a day as is practicable call an extra session of the Legislature, for the purpose of amending said city charters, and thereby avoiding the evils likely to result from the present condition of our cities, and for such other purposes as to him may seem expedient.

Resolution Resolved, – That the city Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of these Resolutions to His Excellency Gov, Matteson without unnecessary delay – and that the clerk be also directed to forward copies of the same, to the Mayors of each cities as have corresponded with this Board upon the subject embraced in said Resolutions.

Upon motion the council adjourned.

Wm Fryzell, Mayor.

R. W. Smith, Clerk.

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City Council

December 8th 1853

Special meeting Present His Hon. Mayor Frizzell
Alds Webber, Lynde, Walker and Kehl.

On motion of Ald Kehl it is ordered that A. B. Buford, be requested to cast the vote of the City of Rock Island in the coming election for directors of the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company

On Motion of Ald. Webber it is ordered that the clerk of this City present the delinquent City tax list for the year 1853, to the County Court, for the purpose of obtaining judgment thereon.

And thereupon the Council adjourned

Mayor

Quincy McNeil. clerk

City Council

December 14. 1853

Special Meeting

Present. His Hon, the Mayor.
Alds Lynde Walter Shearer and Kehl

His Hon. laid before the Council the following call
"To the Aldermen of the city of Rock Island
Gents. You are hereby notified to meet at the Mayors office immediately on business of importance.

City of Rock Island
Nov 14. 1853

Cornelius Lynde
W. Shearer
G. Walter

Alderman Lynde laid before the council for adoption the following: Ordered that A. B. Buford who was appointed on the 9th instant to cast the vote to which this City is entitled at the ensuing election for directors &c of the Chicago & Rock Island Rail Road Company, be instructed to cast said vote for Lemuel Andrews for one of said directors; and in the event that the said Buford shall neglect or refuse to cast the said vote as here directed, that Lemuel Andrews be empowered to cast the ~~vote~~ of this city as is herein expressed. And it is ordered that the clerk of this city furnish copies of this order a to the said Buford and Andrews immediately.

Ald Kehl called for the ayes Nays. Affirmative Alds Lynde, Shearer & Walter. — Negative Ald Kehl.

And thereupon the council adjourned

Quincy McNeil clerk Mayor

City Council

December 19th 1853

Regular Meeting

Present His Hon. The Mayor.

Alds. Lynde Webber, Rice Shearer Kehl & Walter

The minutes of the meetings on the 21st & 22. Nov and 9th Dec. were read and approved, and reading the minutes of the Special meeting on the 14th it was objected to approving the proceedings and the Ayes & Nays being called, those voting in the affirmative were Alds Lynde, Shearer & Walter, in the negative Alds Webber Rice & Kehl and there being a tie his Honor gave the casting vote in the negative,

Ald Webber asked leave to amend his report as treasurer, and to file an additional one correcting a mistake made in his published report as city treasurer, which report is accepted, approved and ordered to be filed and recorded,

"To the city Council, A single error occurred in my report to the council of Nov 21st in regard to money Received and Money paid out during the past year; which I desire to correct: The Booth note of 55$. and County orders of $19.84. were charged in my account as money paid and then deducted from the balance left in the treasury. The true Statement of last years business which past through my hands is as follows viz.

City of Rock Island Cr

By cash received from Treasurer Bell	918.77
Booth note	55.00
County orders	19.84
Cash received during past year	2852.36
	3845.97

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To Booth note on hand	55.00
" County orders	19.84
" Cash paid on orders past year	3060.57
Leaving Balance on hand of 3145.55	710.62

Amos Stillman Surveyor presented the map of the survey of "The Gore" in Eagle Street, which is accepted and ordered to be filed, and on motion of Ald. Lynde the Clerk is ordered to present the same to the city attorney, and desire his opinion as to the title of the city in and to the lands described in the said plat,

No 580 Ordered, that H. S. Child be allowed the sum of one dollar
1.00 for his serving as judge in the second ward of the late city election.

No 581 Ordered that J. B. Danforth Sen. be allowed the sum of One
1.00 Dollar for serving as judge of the late city election

No 582 Ordered that Quincy McNeil be allowed the sum of One dollar
1.00 for serving as Clerk of the late city election.

583 Ordered that John Holt be allowed the sum of One dollar
1.00 for serving as judge at the late city election,

584 Ordered that George Sutter be allowed the sum of one dollar
1.00 as judge at the late city election.

No 585 Ordered that T. B. Gorton be allowed the sum of One
1.00 dollar for serving as clerk at the late city election

No 586 Ordered that Henry Huseman be allowed the sum of One
1.00 Dollar for serving as judge at the late city election

No 587 Ordered that Jacob Boice be allowed the sum of One
1.00 dollar for serving as judge at the late city election.

588 Ordered that Amos Stillman be allowed the sum of One
1.00 dollar for serving as Clerk of the late city election.

589 Ordered that Amos Stillman be allowed the sum of
7.00 Seven dollars for surveying and platting "the gore"

On motion Ald Walter it is ordered that the Booth note of $55.00 and County orders $19.84. be sold by the city Marshal to the highest bidder for cash

On motion of Ald Webber, the vote rejecting the proceedings of the meeting of the 14th Dec was reconsidered, and thereupon Ald Webber moved to rescind the instructions to N. B. Buford passed on the 14th Dec. and to expunge the proceedings of that date from the record, and the Ayes and Nays being called, Alds Webber, Kehl and Rice voted in the affirmative and Alds Lynde Shearer, and Walter in the negative and there being a tie ~~H~~ His Honor gave the casting vote in the affirmative So the proceedings were expunged from the record.

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26.25 Ordered that Jos. B. Danforth jr be allowed the sum of Twenty Six dollars and Twenty five cents for printing as per bill filed

On Motion of Ald, Rice ordered that the city of Rock Island will pay Fifty dollars for the apprehension and delivery in the city of Rock Island, of the person who committed an assault upon Z. Zalniska.

On motion of Ald Webber, a committee consisting of Ald Rice, Lynde & Shearer, was appointed to select lands for a city grave yard,

On motion of Ald, Rice a committee consisting of Ald Walker and the city Marshal was appointed to confer with the county Court in relation to fixing a drain to prevent the water from Reynolds brick yard from running into the city,

On Motion of Ald Lynde it is ordered that no licenses shall be granted, for the sale of spirituous liquors, ale or beer, to extend beyond the first day of Nov 1854

On motion the council adjourned
Quincy McNeil clerk

Mayor

City Council Feb. 2. 1853 4

Special meeting

Present His Hon the Mayor
Alds Lynde, Kehl and Shearer

On Motion of Ald Kehl the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the legislature did, by an act approved Feb 26. 1841. authorize John Wilson his heirs and assigns to keep a Ferry across the Mississippi River between Stephenson (now Rock Island) and Davenport in the then Territory of Iowa for the period of ten years from the passage of said act; and

Whereas the legislature of said State did by an act approved Feby 2nd 1849. "for the relief of John Wilson" extend and renew for the period of ten years from and after the 26th of Feby 1857 to the said John Wilson his heirs and assigns, all the rights, franchises and privileges granted and secured to him, his heirs or assigns by the said act first above mentioned; and Whereas by said act approved Feb 2nd 1849. it is provided that after the expiration of the term granted to said John Wilson, by said act approved Feb 26. 1841, "the Legislature or the County Court may if "the public good requires it, grant to the President" and board of trustees of the town of Rock Island the right to keep and run a ferry across the

Mississippi River. Between Rock Island in the County of Rock Island and Davenport in the County of Scott, in Iowa, to and from any landing or ground not owned by said John Wilson"

Therefore, Resolved by the City Council of the City of Rock Island; that, so long as the said several acts aforesaid are of force and during the time therein limited, the exclusive right to keep and maintain a ferry from the city of Rock Island to the City of Davenport is vested in the said John Wilson, his heirs or assigns, until the public good requires that, a grant be made to the city of Rock Island "to keep and run a ferry across the Mississippi River between Rock Island in the County of Rock Island, and Davenport in Iowa" according to the act approved Feby 2nd 1849

2nd - Resolved; that, the City of Rock Island has neither yeilded, or in any manner given up or waived the rights granted to it by said act approved Feby 2nd 1849: but on the contrary, claims all the privileges granted or intended to be secured, to it by said act, and insists that the rights and previleges granted by the said act, as aforesaid, ought not to be revoked or in any manner impaired or diminished in value; but that they should be fully vested in the said city, to be exercised by it when "the public good shall require"

3rd Resolved - that although the present ferry across the Mississippi River between the city of Rock Island and the city of Davenport is as yet sufficient to accommodate the public wants, the right the right to apply for and to obtain any other or further "grant", "to keep and run a ferry across the Mississippi river, between Rock Island in the County of Rock Island and Davenport in Iowa;" should be and remain vested in the said City; and should be exercised by the said City whenever the wants of the public shall hereafter require any other or additional ferry between said named points, on said river

4th — Resolved that the Council respectfully urge the legislature of this state to refrain from all legislation, that will in any manner impair or effect the said ferry interests of the City of Rock Island.

5th — Resolved that the member of the Senate from this district and the member of the house of Representatives from this County be respectfully requested to present the foregoing preamble and resolutions with the action of the Council thereon, to the respective houses of which they are members; and that the Clerk of this Council furnish a copy thereof to each of said members for that purpose

On Motion of Ald. Lynde the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted

Whereas the interests of the Valley of the Mississippi imperatively require that some efficient aid should shall be rendered by Congress for the more safe and expeditious navigation of the Mississippi River: and Whereas, the appropriations heretofore made by Congress have been productive of very little benefit in that respect, – the work of removing the rock obstructions in the river from Warsaw to Nauvoo and from Rock Island to Port Byron requiring many years and a vast amount of Money. Therefore

Be it Resolved, by the City Council of the city of Rock Island that Congress is respectfully and earnestly requested to grant in money or in public lands such a sum as will aid in constructing the Warsaw and Rockford Rail Road from Warsaw at the foot of the lower Rapids to Nauvoo the head of the lower Rapids; and from Rock Island at the foot of the upper Rapids to Port Byron at the head of the upper Rapids; thus obviating permanently the hindrances to navigation by the unseen and dangerous Rocks of the Mississippi River between the said points, named, in this resolution

Resolved that the City Clerk be directed to forward to the Hon John Wentworth, a certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions attested by the Mayor, under the seal of the city, and request him to use his influence to procure the insertion of an item, in the appropriation bill of Congress, for the purpose named in the resolution or to procure a grant of land for said purpose

Resolved that our Senators in Congress are respectfully requested to lend their influence to the passage of an appropriation of land or money, for the object named in the foregoing resolutions,

His Hon. the Mayor laid before the Council, a petition of the citizens of the city, praying for prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings on Illinois Street ~~and~~ between Washington Street and the Court House Square and on Buffalo Street between Illinois and Orleans Streets, which petition is ordered to be filed; and on Motion of Ald Shearer the following ordinance was unanimously passed

Ordinance No 34 Be it ordained, by the City Council of the City of Rock Island that from and after the passage of this ordinance, no building shall be erected on Illinois Street between Washington Streets and the Court House Square, or on Buffalo Street between Illinois and Orleans Streets, of any other material than brick or Stone,

591 4.10 Ordered that Quincy McNeil be allowed the Sum of Four dollars and ten cents for redemption money advanced,

On Motion the Council adjourned,

Quincy McNeil, clerk

City Council Feb 10. 1854

Special Meeting

Present His Hon: the Mayor Ads Lynde, Shearer, Kale and Walter,

Ald. Kale presented the following:

Whereas at a large meeting of the citizens of Rock Island, held in pursuance of the Call of the Mayor to devise means for the appropriate celebration of the Completion of the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road, to this city (a copy of which proceeding has been furnished to this Council, by request of the said meeting) it was among other things resolved, that the said occasion ought to be appropriately Celebrated by the citizens of the city of Rock Island and also by the ~~citizens~~ in its corporate capacity and that the expenses necessary to such celebration, should be borne by the city in its corporate Capacity, and ~~the~~ suggesting that the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated for such celebration, and also that the city council unite with the citizens of the city in their plan of Celebration suggested in the resolutions adopted by said meeting. And this Council in the views of said meeting as expressed in their proceedings. it is hereby ordered.

$1000.00 That the sum of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of celebrating in a proper manner, the said mentioned event;

On Motion of Ald Shearer It is ordered that the Mayor be empowered to appoint, on the part of the city, all the necessary committees, for the purpose of carrying into effect the above named celebration

On Motion the council adjourned
Quincy McNeil clerk.

Mayor.

City Council Feb 21st 1854

Regular meeting
Present Aldermen Shearer, Hale, Rice & Walter

City Council Feb 18th 1854

Special Meeting. Present His Hon. The Mayor,
Aldermen Webber, Walter, Rice & Kehl

The proceedings of a meeting of the citizens of the city, held in pursuance of a call of the Mayor on the 17th instant, to take into consideration the rights of the city in the ferry charter of Messrs Robinson and Spencer, across the Mississippi River at this point, was presented to the council by Robt W. Smith Secy. of said meeting,

Whereupon Alderman Kale the following preamble and resolutions concurring in the proceedings of said meeting, of the citizens which being considered by the council were unanimously adopted, towit

Whereas at the call of the Mayor, one of the largest meetings of citizens ever held in Rock Island assembled at the Court House on last evening Feby 17th to consider matters in relation to the rights of the city in the ferry Charter owned by Messrs Robinson and Spencer at which meeting the Mayor and the members of the Council were also present, and a copy of the proceedings of which said meeting have been presented and are now before this council. And whereas at the said meeting it was unanimously resolved as follows,

Resolved 1st That in the opinion of this meeting it is an act of the greatest injustice to the city of

Rock Island, for the Legislature to deprive said city of any of the rights and privileges granted to it by the act of the General Assembly of this State, entitled "An act for the relief of John Wilson" passed Feb. 2nd 1849.

Resolved 2nd, That the City of Rock Island has not in any manner violated any duty imposed upon it by said mentioned act, and that whenever any additional right to keep and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi River between the City of Rock Island and the City of Davenport, that the same should of right be granted exclusively to the said City of Rock Island, agreeably to the provisions of said mentioned act,

Resolved 3rd, That the Bill now pending before the Legislature of this State, granting to certain persons named therein, two several ferry charters for ferries across the Mississippi River at this point, for the period of twenty years, is an unjust interference with, and violation of the chartered rights of the city of Rock Island and greatly detrimental to its prosperity and interests.

Resolved 4th That our Representative Mr Marshall now present in this meeting and Mr Graham our Senator be respectfully but earnestly urged to use their utmost endeavors to protect the ferry interests of the city of Rock Island, as set forth and declared in these resolutions, and also in a preamble and resolutions passed by the City Council of this city on the 2nd of Feb 1854.

Resolved 5th That the city Council be requested to appropriate ~~the~~ Sum sufficient to send to Springfield a committee of citizens of this city to represent to the members of the legislature the wishes of the people of this city in respect to the ferry interests ~~of~~ ~~said city~~ and to oppose the passage of any law interfering with or affecting the interests of said city in its rights and franchises

Resolved 6th. That in the event that any legislation should be had by the legislature affecting the present ferry interests at this point, that our Senator be especially requested, to use his best exertions to procure an amendment, to the present "amended Bill" now before the Senate, by striking out the names of Messrs Knox and Andrews, and inserting in their stead the Corporate name of the "City of Rock Island," so as to secure to the said city the rights and privileges now proposed to be granted by said bill to said named private individuals

Resolved 7th That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the city Council and that they be requested to carry out the views expressed in the fifth Resolution

And Whereas also the said meeting did further recommend and appoint The Mayor Wm Frizzell Alderman L. M. Webber and Jacob Norris as the Committee to visit Springfield for the purpose named in the fifth resolution, with authority to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number

It is therefore resolved by the Mayor and Council that the said proceedings of the meeting of citizens as aforesaid, be concurred in, and that the above named persons recommended by said meeting together with Frazer Wilson, and J. W. Churchill be a committee to visit Springfield for the purpose contemplated by the said resolutions, and that an order be entered for the payment of their expenses out of the City treasury,

On motion the council adjourned
Quincy McNeil Clerk, Mayor

City Council Feb 21. 1854

Regular Meeting Present Aldermen Walter, Kale,
Rice and Shearer

On motion of Alderman Rice. Alderman Shearer was elected Mayor protem. and On the further motion of Alderman Rice the meeting adjourned

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Mayor Protem

Quincy McNeil clerk.

City Council March 6. 1854

Special Meeting,

Present his Hon. Mayor Frizzell, Aldermen
Webber, Lynde, Kale, Rice & Shearer

On the application of John Hartel, It is ordered that License be granted to him. to vend sell and retail, Spirituous, vinous and malt liquors at the "Kossuth House" in this city for the space of three months from this date, upon his paying the sum of Twenty five dollars into the city Treasury, and entering into bonds as directed by law

On the application of John Ziegler It is ordered that license be granted him to vend sell and retail Spirituous ~~and~~ vinous and malt liquors at the "Washington House" in this city for the term of three months from this date upon his paying into the city treasury the sum of twenty five dollars and entering into bonds as the law directs

On the application of Van Camp it is ordered that license be granted him to vend sell and retail Spirituous vinous and malt liquors at in this city for the term of three months from this date upon his paying into the treasury the sum of twenty five dollars and entering into Bond as the law directs

On the application of Gooley and Wilson it is ordered that license be granted them to vend sell and retail Spirituous, vinous and Malt liquors at the "Saint Charles Saloon" in this city for the term of three months from this date, upon his paying into the treasury the sum of twenty five dollars, and entering into bonds as the law directs

No 593 Ordered that L. M. Webber be allowed the sum of Four
$400. Hundred Dollars for money paid B. F. Barrett,

No 594 Ordered that L. M. Webber be allowed the sum of
$150. One Hundred and fifty Dollars for money paid
N. W. Edwards,

No 595 Ordered that L. M. Webber be allowed the sum of
~~$150.~~ $500.00 Five Hundred Dollars fees paid Dixon attorney.

No 596 Ordered that H. G. Reynolds be allowed the sum of
$200. Two Hundred dollars attorney fee

No 597 Ordered that Wm Frizzell be allowed the sum of
$60. Sixty Dollars expenses to Springfield

No 598 Ordered that L. M. Webber be allowed the sum of
$40.15 ~~Forty~~ (40) dollars and fifteen cents expenses at Springfield

No 599 Ordered that A. S. Miller be allowed the sum
$90 of Ninety dollars. attorney fees

No 600 Ordered that J. W. Churchill be allowed the sum
$15. of Fifteen dollars expenses to Springfield

No 601 Ordered that B. F. Barrett be allowed the sum of
$500. Five Hundred Dollars, for refreshments on the 22d Feb.

No 602 Ordered that L. M. Webber be allowed the sum of Seventy
$74.84 four dollars and eighty four cents for Booth note and
County orders, sold by the marshall by order of the council

Ordered, That the City Clerk give the notice requisite by
Section 1. Chap XLI of Revised Statutes of an application
by the City Council of the City of Rock Island for "the
right to keep and run a ferry across the Mississippi
River between Rock Island in the County of Rock Island
and Davenport, in the County of Scott in Iowa" as
set forth in an act of the General Assembly of the
State of Illinois entitled "An act for the relief of John
Wilson." passed Feb 2nd 1849.

On Motion the Council adjourned.
Quincy McNeil clk

Mayor

City Council March 20th 1854
Regular Meeting,

Present His Honor Mayor Frizzell, Aldermen Lynde, ~~Walter~~, Kale Rice and Shearer,

The proceedings of the meetings of the council on the 19th Dec 1853, Feb 2nd 1854. Feb 10th 1854, Feb 18th 1854. Feby 21st 1853 March 6th 1854. were Read and severally approved, except the following which the Clerk of the council placed on record by mistake on the 19th Dec 1853. towit.

"On motion of Ald Lynde it is ordered that no license shall "be granted for the sale of spirituous liquors, ale or beer, to "extend beyond the first day of Nov 1854" and on motion of Alderman Kale it is ordered that the same be erased by drawing black lines over the same

On motion of Ald Lynde, it is ordered that the Mayor be authorized to sell the city Scrip, for the purpose of applying the same on the interest bonds of the city, given to the Chicago and Rock Island Rail Road Company, which interest falls due May 1st. 1854, and on the motion of Alderman Rice it is ordered the he be further authorized to make up the deficit if any there should be, upon said Scrip. so as to make the same amount to $2500, or to be applied as interest as above,

On motion of Alderman Rice, ordered that a committee of three be appointed by the mayor to confer with a like committee, appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church, to investigate the claims of the City and Church to the ground now occupied by said church and to devise means for adjusting the same, and thereupon His Honor appointed Aldermen Rice Webber and Lynde, said Committee

On the application of Sawyer Langley &co it is ordered that they be allowed to use one hundred and Sixty feet of the Levee in front of their Ware House, for the purpose of a Steam Boat landing and wharf boat, upon their paying the sum of thirty dollars for the present year

On the application of John W. Spencer &co it is ordered that they be allowed to use one hundred and Sixty feet next immediately below the piece of ground occupied by Sawyer Langley &co. for the purpose of a ferry landing and for depositing coal wood &c, upon their paying the sum of thirty dollars for the present Season

On the application of P. W. Gallup it is ordered that he be allowed to use the ground in front of Block 3. in the old town for one year for the purpose of a lumber yard reserving 80 feet between said block and the ground above named, for a Street, upon his paying the sum of fifty dollars,

P. S. Albert Supervisor of Ward No 2. and S. B. Stoddard Supervisor of Ward No 1. each made their report, which which were severally accepted & filed

Ald. Kale submitted the following ordinance, which was adopted

Ordinance No 35

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island That the Supervisor of Side walks, be directed to notify the owners of lots fronting on Water streets between Swan and Madison Streets, to build Sidewalks ~~to~~ be upon the grade as heretofore established by this Council, and to have the same completed on or before the 4th day of July next, The sidewalks between Elk and Madison Streets to be made of Stone, hard Brick or plank and between Elk and Swan streets to be made of gravel, unless the owners of lots choose to build the same of more durable material,

Alderman Lynde, resigned the office of Supervisor of side walks, and thereupon Joseph Johnston was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by such resignation,

On motion of Alderman Rice, it is ordered that the Services of Messrs Knox and Drury as city attorneys be and the same are hereby dispensed with, and that the Clerk of the city be directed to inform the said Knox and Drury of this order,

On motion of Alderman Webber it is ordered that Messrs Julius Manning and Robert Wilkinson be retained as counsel for this city,

On Motion of Alderman Kale it is ordered that the City Surveyor proceed to establish the grade in Spencers addition to the city of Rock Island, On the application of John Guthrie it is ordered that a License be granted him to vend sell and retail Spirituous vinous and malt liquors for the space of Six months from this date at   in this city upon his paying the sum of fifty dollars, and entering into Bond,

On Motion of Alderman Webber it is ordered that the time given to certain persons to remove fence, trees and house, in a certain order passed March 21. 1853 be extended to one year from the time therein named,

No 603 Ordered that P. S. Albert be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars for Services Rendered as Supervisor.

604 Ordered that S. B. Stoddard be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars for services as Supervisor

605 Ordered that M. B. Osborn be allowed the sum of ten dollars and Seventy five cents for Redemption money.

606 Ordered that James Kelly be allowed the sum of One dollar and ninety two cents for postage

607 Ordered that Raymond and Wharton be allowed the sum of Twelve dollars for printing

608 Ordered that Jacob Annis be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars for expenses to Springfield,

609 Ordered that H. A. Porter & Bro be allowed the sum of Seven dollars & Sixty five cents for stationery furnished

610 to 623 Ordered that the following named persons be allowed the sum of Two Dollars and fifty Cents each for serving as City Police on the 22nd day of February last. towit Quincy McNeil, Thomas Biddison, Geo E. Biddison, B. J. Cobb, John Daly, Joseph W. Eystra, Grover, Benj Smith, Jacob Starr, Robert Wilkinson, H. Bangen, E. Mony- M. Sutton, and Philip Zahn,—

On Motion of Alderman Shearer it is ordered that the side walk Supervisor notify the owners of lots on Washington and Jefferson streets and the cross streets between said named streets, to build gravel side walks, of such a highth as the said Supervisor shall direct, not exceeding the highth of the grade established on said streets and sidewalks, and that the same be completed under the direction of the said Sidewalk Supervisor on or before the 4th day of July next.

On Motion the council adjourned
Quincy McNeil clerk

Wm Frizzell Mayor

Regular meeting City Council April 17th 1854

Present His Hon Mayor Frizzell, Ald. Webber, Walter, Kale & Shearer

Ald Webber offered the following ordinance which was unanimously adopted,

Ordinance No 35 An Ordinance regulating the Storage of gun powder

§1 Be it ordained by the city Council of the city of Rock Island. That no person shall keep at the same time in any house, shop, store, cellar, or in any boat or warehouse within the limits of this city, more than thirty pounds of gunpowder

§2 Be it further ordained that the aforesaid quantity of powder allowed to be kept within the limits of this city, shall be kept in close four pound tin cannisters, and in a good and safe place.

§3. Be it further ordained that every person offending against either of the foregoing provision shall forfeit and pay for the use of said city the sum of Twenty five dollars, to be recovered before the police magistrate of this city, when elected and qualified, and until his election, and qualification, and then if absent from this city, before any justice of the peace residing) in said city

Be it further ordained that

§4 It shall be lawful for the Police Magistrate when qualified, or in the interim, any resident justice of the peace whenever he shall be informed, on oath, that there is probable cause to suspect any person or persons of concealing or keeping within said city, any quantity of gun powder over and above thirty pounds as aforesaid, to issue a search warrant to examine into the truth of such allegation or suspicion and to search such suspected place or places as may be therein named

On motion Ald Shearer, It is ordered that the order passed by the council on the 2nd Aug. 1857 concerning the street in Block 37 in Lower Addition be hereby rescinded, and that the street thereby opened, if any, be and the same is hereby vacated,

On Motion of Ald

Ordered that the sidewalk commissioner be authorized to require the owners of lots on the east side of Elk street, and fronting the same, between Rock River and Pleasant streets, to build sidewalks, and that the same be completed under his direction, before the fourth day of July next,

Joseph Knox and Samuel Andrews each presented a bill to the city council, of one hundred dollars each, for services rendered at Springfield, in procuring a bill passed to enable the city to relinquish the levee streets and alleys opposite Blocks 4 & 5. Spencer & Cass Addition to the Rail Road company, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the council that they had rendered no such service their said bills are on motion of Alderman Webber, laid on the table, On the application of Frederick Ridenbough It is ordered that License issue to him to vend sell and retail Spirituous vinous and Malt liquors and to keep two Billiard Tables at the "Empire Saloon" now occupied by him, upon his paying into the treasury, the Sum of   Dollars for the Space of Six months from this date and entering into bonds

On motion of Alderman Kale the following ordinance was passed. An ordinance relating to Drays, wagons & carts,

Be it Ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island, That hereafter the ordinance relating to Drays Carts & Wagons passed Feb 21. 1853 shall be held and deemed to apply to Hacks, Omnibuses and all other vehicles used to convey persons or property to & from or within the limits of this city,

C. S. Whistler & J. C. R. Mitchell made an application to lease One hundred and Sixty feet in front of Eagle Street for the purpose of a ferry landing, which on motion of Alderman Webber, is ordered to be laid on the table

Alderman Webber presented the following Ordinance which is adopted unanimously.

An ordinance to provide for establishing Gas works in the city of Rock Island.

Sect 1. Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island, That William Herrick S. D. Barker and G. D. Hayward, their associates, successors or assigns be and they are hereby authorized to use the streets, lanes, alleys and public grounds of said city including any and all territory that may be hereafter annexed thereto, for the purpose of laying down in said streets, lanes alleys and public grounds, pipes for the conveyance of gas in and through said city, for the use of the city and its inhabitants, said pipes to be made of cast Iron or other substance equally as good for the purpose; And it is provided that said gas pipes shall not interfere with the necessary drainage of said city, by means of Sewers or other underground fixtures for the purpose of drainage.

Sect 2d Be it further ordained That in consideration of the privileges herein granted to the said William Herrick, Barker and Hayward, their associates successors and assigns, they shall, on or before the first day of June A. D. 1855, commence the construction of works for the manufacture of gas, and shall by the first day of December A. D. 1856. have completed the same together with, the laying of at last one mile of leading or main pipe; and they shall furnish to the city for public lamps, (lamps, lamp posts, meters, & fittings being furnished at the expense of the city) and to the inhabitants for private use, gas at a rate not exceeding Three and one half Dollars $ 3 50/100 per One thousand cubic feet, And in case of the said Herrick, Barker & Hayward, performing all the conditions of this ordinance, they shall have the exclusive privilege of laying gas for pipes. for conveying gas in said lanes, alleys and public grounds, and of putting up pipes &c. in dwellings &c. in connection with said Street pipe, for the term of twenty years, from the date of this ordinance; And it is further provided that any temporary failure on the part of said Herrick, Barker & Hayward and their associates, successors and assigns, to perform any of the conditions of this ordinance, when such failure is occasioned by accident or untoward events, shall not work a forfeiture of the previleges herein contained, provided the same shall be repaired within a reasonable time

Sec 3d Said Herrick, Barker & Hayward, shall file their acceptance of this ordinance, with the city clerk within Sixty days from the date of its passage.

624 Ordered that Knox and Drury be allowed the sum of Fifty dollars for Services as city attorneys heretofore rendered, and including all services up to date.

625 Ordered that Frazer Wilson be allowed the sum of twenty Six dollars and fifty cents for expenses to Springfield.

626 Ordered that Quincy McNeil, be allowed the sum of thirty dollars for Services as clerk.

On motion the council adjourned
Quincy McNeil clerk.

Mayor

The following "Ordinances" are copied from the "Weekly R. I. Republican" of June 14th 1854 –

City Council – An Ordinance amendatory and supplementary of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to Revenue"

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island,
Ordinance that the amount of taxes assessed on real and personal estate, by the
No 36 Corporate authorities of the City of Rock Island, for the year 1854, shall be paid on or before the first day of August 1854, and in all cases where the taxes assessed on real estate, and not paid by said time, herein above fixed, the City Collector shall give notice of an application to the County Court of Rock Island County, for judgement against such delinquent real estate, for the amount of taxes due and unpaid, together with costs, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the several towns and cities in this State, approved March 1st. 1854 –

Sec. 2. That the application to the County Court for Judgement against delinquent real estate, for the taxes and costs due thereon, as above provided for, shall be made to the County Court at its September Term, in the year 1854, and the real estate, against which judgement shall be rendered by said County Court for taxes & costs, shall be sold by the Sheriff of the County of Rock Island, on the third monday after the rendition of such Judgement and shall continue from day to day, until the sale thereof is completed.

Sec 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith, be and the same are, hereby repealed –

Passed June 12, 1854 –

An Ordinance amendatory of and supplementary to an Ordinance

Ordinance No 37 } entitled "An Ordinance providing for the recovery of fines and forfeitures, and enforcement of penalties"

Sec. 1,, Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island that fine or fines, forfeiture or forfeitures, penalty or penalties that have, or that may hereafter accrue to the City of Rock Island, for the violation of any Ordinance of said City, may be recovered by action of debt, before any Justice of the Peace of the County of Rock Island, residing within the limits of said City, and the provisions of the Ordinances of said City, relating to the sueing for and recovery of any such fines, forfeitures or penalty before the Mayor, shall be considered as applying to the Justices of the Peace within said City —

Sec. 2,, That all forms of complaint and writs heretofore created by Ordinances of the said City Council, be and the same are hereby abolished —

Passed June 12, 1854 —

Geo. Walter, Clerk, pro tem — William Frizzell Mayor

City Council — At the regular meeting of the City Council, held on *Monday last, it was Ordered — That the Supervisor of Side Walks notify all persons, owning lots on Illinois Street, from Jefferson Street, east to the old Corporation line, to build Side Walks of Stone, brick, plank or gravel, before the 1st day of September next

*June 19th, 1854 — G. Walter, Clerk Pro tem,

City Council

July 17th 1854

Council met pursuant to adjournment
Present his Hon. the Mayor. Ald. Kehl
Lynde and Webber.
On motion. the Council adjourned to meet
tomorrow morning at 8 O'clock

Wm. Frizzell
Mayor.

Tuesday July 18th 1854

Council met. pursuant to adjournment.
Present his Hon the Mayor. Ald Lynde. Kehl
Shearer. Webber Rice & Walter.
The resignation of Dunney McNeil as city clerk
having been presented to the board. the same was
accepted. The council then proceeded to elect
R. W Smith clerk.
Ordered. that D McNeil be allowed the sum of
twenty six dollars for services as clerk.
On motion of Ald Webber it was voted that the city
council relinquish the room now used & occupied
by them. as a place of meeting & rent a room in N B B upfords
building On motion the petition of J. J Beardsly was
laid upon the table until next meeting.
Ordered that J. Vancamp be allowed the sum
of twenty dollars for services as night watch
Ordered that P S Albert be allowed the sum of $12.00
for similar services

Ordered that A K Philleo be allowed the sum of $100.00 for making city assessment. attending at Mayor's office with books &c-

Ordered that A K Philleo be allowed the sum of $25.00 for making Collectors book &c.

Ordered that H A Porter & Bro be allowed the sum of $3.50 for Collectors & assessors books &c.

S W Rice having presented to the board his resignation as Ald. of the 1st Ward - the same was accepted.

Ordered that S W Rice be allowed the sum of 16.00 for services as Ald.

On motion the Clerk was directed to give the proper notice for holding a special election in the 1st Ward. for to elect one Ald. to fill the unexpired term of S W Rice resigned.

On motion the petition of E. R Bean was laid upon the table.

Ordered that Jacob Simmons be allowed the sum of $2.00 for cleaning streets.

Ordered that A K Philleo be allowed the sum of $3.50 for publishing notice of abatements on tax list. certificates &c

Adjourned -

R W Smith
Clerk

City Council
August 4th 1854

Present full board.

Ordinance No 38

An ordinance establishing and regulating the police department.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island, as follows:

Sec 1. There shall be, and is hereby established a police department to consist of the city Marshall and such watchmen as may be appointed by the city council from time to time.

Sec 2d The watchmen shall hold their appointment from the time specified in the order making their appointment, and shall receive such salary, as shall be designated therein,
Provided - no watchman shall hold his office for a longer time under one appointment than twelve months - nor shall they, in any case hold over after the annual city election and annual election of officers by the new council Provided. however they may be reelected,

Sec 3 The Marshall shall be ex-officio chief of the city police, and all the watchmen shall be in subordination to the city Marshall except in cases otherwise provided by ordinance

Sec 4 Every member of the police department is hereby authorized and it is made their duty to arrest without a warrant, all persons found in the act of committing any violation of law or ordinance, or found aiding and abetting in any such violation

Sec 5 The Mayor, Marshall, and every member of the Police department, are hereby severally authorized to call upon any inhabitant of the city to assist in quelling any riotous or disorderly conduct or to aid in arresting or safe keeping any person accused of crime or breach of the law or ordinance, and any inhabitant so called on, who shall neglect or refuse to give such aid and assistance to the best of his ability shall be subject to a fine of not less than five, nor more than fifty dollars, to be sued for and recovered as in cases of other breaches of city ordinances

Sec 6 When any member of the police department shall arrest any person or persons, for any criminal offence, or any offence known or designated by any ordinance of the city, the person or persons so arrested, shall be taken by the person making the arrest before some justice of the Peace within said city for examination or trial: Provided, if said arrest be made in the night time, the person or persons so arrested shall be committed by the party so making the arrest, to the county jail, until such time as he, she or they can be taken before a justice of the Peace for examination or trial as aforesaid

Passed August 4th 1854

Mayor

R. W. Smith
Clerk

Ordered that J. H. Hatch be allowed the sum of thirty five dollars being amount due for rent of old Council room

R. W. Smith
Clerk

August 7th 1854

Council met pursuant to adjournment,
Present full Board,

On motion of Ald Lynde, it was voted that one Watchman be elected for the 1st one for the 2d and two for the third Ward of the city.

On motion Gerry E. McClendon was elected watchman for the 1st. John Smith for the 2d and John McMonan and Jacob Gold-Smith for the 3d Ward

Ordered that the watchmen hereby appointed be allowed at the rate of forty dollars per month for their services.

Ordered that each watchman hereby appointed shall enter into bond conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty and that they be continued in office so long as the city council shall deem their services necessary—

Ordered that in case any of the above named watchmen, are sick, or should resign or become otherwise incapacitated, the Marshall shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of the council

Ordered that the council adjourn

R. W. Smith Clerk

Mayor

Council Room Sept 18 1854

Present full Board.

The votes polled at the Special election for Alderman in the first Ward were canvassed, and John S Bain having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Alderman of said Ward - to serve until November 1855

Ordered that Wm Frizzell be allowed the sum of $297.00 Two Hundred and ninety seven Dollars being balance paid by him on the last May instalment of the rail road interest

Ordered that RR interest here presented to the board be placed on file.

Ordered that John M. S Smith be allowed the sum $36.00 of thirty six Dollars - for twenty seven days services as watchman

Ordered that G. E. McClendon be allowed the sum $36.00 of thirty six dollars for services twenty seven days as watchman

Ordered that Jos Johnston be allowed six Dollars amt. $6.00 paid by him to Baker Brown for cleaning house on Island in which two persons had died.

Ordered that John McMorran be allowed the sum of
$13.05 for services rendered on the 21st 22d & 23d of
$13.05 last February and for money paid by him for
washing sheets.

Ordered that A F Cutter be allowed the sum of forty
$40.00 Dollars for services rendered and for money paid
out at the RR celebration on the 22d of February
1854

Ordered that Joseph Johnston be allowed the sum of
$5.60 five & 60/100 Dollars for 200 ft oak lumber for culvert

Ordered. that J. W. Vansant be allowed the sum of
$36.20 thirty six 20/100 Dollars for 1710 ft plank.

Ordered that S S Geyer be allowed the sum of seventy
$0.75 five cents for money paid by him on lot sold
in error

Ordered that the Telegraph office be allowed the
$3.95 sum of three 95/100 Dollars for communications received
and sent to Ottawa. in relation to escaped murderer.

Ordered that George Walter be allowed the sum of
twenty one Dollars for services as Alderman up to the
$21.00 time of his resignation August 28. 1854

Ordered that Peter Burtnell Deputy Sheriff of Knox

County be allowed the sum of $ Five Hundred Dollars for the arrest and delivery of Daniel Stoddard, which said amount shall be paid
$500.00 the said Burtnett, when said Stoddard is convicted of the crime of which he now stands charged.

Ordered that Joseph Johnston be allowed the
$47.75 – sum of forty seven 75/100 Dollars being amt paid for building side walk on Lot 10 – in block
$42.75 bill on file & order Book H.D.W.
12 in Spencer & Cases Addition to the City.

Ordered that Joseph Johnston be allowed the sum
$293.81 of Two Hundred & ninety three Dollars & 81/100 – for money paid out for filling up & building side walks in the city

Ordered. that John McMorran be allowed the sum
$60.00 of Sixty Dollars – for one and a half months services as watchman

Ordered that Jacob Goldsmith be allowed the sum
$60.00 of Sixty Dollars for one and a half Months services as watchman.

N. B. Buford & others presented to the Board a petition praying the City Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting the erection of any wooden buildings in that part of block one in the Old Town of Rock Island fronting on

Missippi Street.

On motion the following ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance No 39

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. that from and after this date all persons are prohibited from erecting & building any houses. shops. store-houses or other buildings on that part of block one in the Old Town of Rock Island. fronting on Mississippi or Water Street. of any other material than brick or stone

Wm. Frizzell
Mayor

R. J. Smith Clerk

Rock Island Sept 18 1854

$16.00 Ordered that W. H. Browning be allowed the sum of Sixteen Dollars for services as watchman from the date of his appointment until now.

Ordered that the bill of E. Morey now presented to the board be referred to the City Attorney for examination. and that he make report to the City Council at the next meeting thereof.

$10.00 Ordered. that James Allison be allowed the sum of ten Dollars for services rendered in the examination of Banyan & others on charge of murder.

Ordered that hereafter no person shall have license to sell and vend Spirituous liquors within the City limits for a less period than one year nor for a less sum than two hundred Dollars per annum—

On Motion it was ordered that the following named persons be licensed to open & keep groceries in the City of Rock Island for the term of One Year from and after this date. E. Donnie under the "Island City Hotel. Anthony Butcher in Butcher's Saloon. John Geyler in the Washington House.
John Hartell " " Kossuth House
Daniel Noonan " " Mansion House
Patrick Mynn " " Chicago Retreat
Joseph Lutz on Water Street &
E Donnie under the Rock Island House
for the term of one year from & after the 26th day of July last.

On motion the following persons were chosen to set as judges of Election in Nov. next to wit. Robt. J. Shaw & A K Philleo 1st Ward
Peter S. Albert & John Thompson 2d "
George Sutter & John McManan 3 "

On motion the Council adjourned

Wm Frizzell Mayor

A Wormith Clerk

Council Room Oct 16th 1854

Regular meeting –

Present full Board:

Ordered that a license be granted to John Seddiss to keep a Grocery in said City for the term of one year from 13th inst.

Ordered. that Wm C. Sumner have license to keep Grocery in said City for the term of one year from the 12th of October 1854 –

Ordered that a license be granted to Patrick Bates to keep a Grocery in said City for the term of one year from the 12th day of October 1854 –

Ordered that P. Zahn be allowed the sum of
$\$55^{00}$ fifty five Dollars for filling up Street near
Depot.

Ordered that that part of Elk Street lying between Illinois & Water Streets be reduced to the proper grade, and that the City council receive proposals for the same and let the job to the lowest bidder.

Ordered that Joseph Johnston be allowed the
$\$85^{81}$ sum of Eighty five & 81/100 Dolls. for filling up
& grading side walks about Depot & from Island
City Hotel to the upper end of the City.

$\$24^{23}$ Ordered that Paul Gallup be allowed the sum of twenty four 25/100 dolls - for plank &c furnished City.

$32.00 Ordered that Jacob Goldsmith be allowed the sum of Thirty two Dolls for services as watchman up to date -

$72 85/100 Ordered that E Macy be allowed the sum of $ seventy two dollars & 85/100 dolls for boarding, admitting discharging prisoners &c

$40.00 Ordered that W.H. Browning be allowed the sum of $ forty Dolls for services as watchman up to date.

$16.00 Ordered that Fred Tate be allowed the sum of $ sixteen Dollars for services as watchman up to date.

$7.67 Ordered that J.R. Kenedy be allowed the sum of $ seven 67/100 Dolls in full for services as watchman.

$4.50 Ordered that B.F. Barrett be allowed the sum of four & 50/100 dolls for cleaning ditch in Slough.

$30.00 Ordered that A.F. Swander be allowed the sum of $ thirty dolls - for services rendered in pursuit of murderer.

Ordered that an appropriation of three Hundred Dollars be made - to free slough & make passage way across the same on Street -

Ordered that the Council adjourn –

R. H. Smith
City Clerk

City of R. Island
Council Room
Thursday evening November 9th

Special Meeting

Present His Hon the Mayor
Aldermen Bean. Lynde. Kehl & Webber –

The Poll Books having been returned from the several Wards of the City & being now in possession of the Council. It is ordered that the same be opened.

Ben Harper having received a majority of all the votes cast for the office of Mayor – was declared duly elected Mayor of said city for the ensuing year.

Alexander H. Swander having received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Police Magistrate was declared duly elected to that office –

I. W. Vansant having received a majority of the votes cast in the first Ward was declared duly elected

Alderman of said Ward for the Term of two years.

Peter S. Albert having received a majority of the votes cast in the 2d Ward of said City was declared duly elected Alderman of said Ward for the term of two years.

James Copp and Jeremiah S. Smith having received a majority of all the votes cast in the Third Ward of said City for Aldermen were declared duly elected. James Copp for the term of two years & Jeremiah S. Smith for the term of one year.

On motion the following named persons were each allowed the sums annexed to their respective names. Wm. Frizzell $50.00 Mayors salary. Wm Kehl $25.00 Ald. salary. Wm Shearer $25.00 same. C. Lynde Senr $25.00 same. L. M. Webber $25.00 same

Orders from 686 to 702

R W Smith $48.50 services as Clerk money advanced &c. J. S Bean $4.00 Aldermans salary. J. Boice judge of Election two days $2.00. H C Henderson Clerk of election $1.00 H. Rettiker judge of Election $1.00. A K Philleo same $1.00 John Stanbak same $1.00 John Thompson same $1.00 John McMonaw same $1.00. C. H. Case same $1.00 Henry B. Bengle Clerk of election $1.00. J. L. Mapes same $1.00

R. W. Smith
Clerk

Ordered, that Peter Burtnett be paid $100.00 in part for the amt. of $500.00 allowed him, on condition of the conviction of Stoddard and that the Clerk issue an Order for the same

November 14th 1854

Board met pursuant to adjournment
Present full board

$306.78 No 720 Ordered that Jos. Johnston be allowed the sum of $306.78 being a balance due him on settlement.

$4.50 No 718 Ordered that P.S. Albert be allowed the sum of $4.50 witness fees in Underhill suit at Henry County.

$194.00 No 719 Ordered that Jos. Johnston be allowed the sum of $194.00 for collecting during the past year.

$164.00 No 721 Ordered. that Manning & Wilkinson (city attornies) be allowed the sum of $164.00 being balance of fees in full, to this date.

$275.00 No 722 Ordered that Jos. Johnston be allowed the sum of $275.00 for services as Supervisor of Streets alleys and side walks-

On motion the Report of S.M. Webber city Treasurer was accepted and ordered to be entered in the books and placed on file.

Ben Harper the Mayor elect being present. was duly sworn into office by Hon Ira O Wilkinson

On motion the council adjourned,

R.H. Smith
Clerk

November 15th 1854.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Aldermen elect viz. James Copp. J S Smith John L Bean. J. W Vansant. & Peter S Albert being present were duly sworn into office by E. R Bean. Justice of the Peace.

On motion the council adjourned to meet on Friday at one O'clock

R. W Smith Clerk.

November 17th 1854

Council met pursuant to adjournment
Present a full board.

The Mayor having appointed James Copp and William Kehl tellers, the board proceeded to elect its subordinate officers.

Cornelius Lynde sen having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected city Clerk

William Kehl was elected Treasurer.

C. Lynde sen was elected Assessor

Jos Johnston was elected Marshall.

John L. Bean was elected St Commissioner of 1st Ward.
P. S. Albert " " " " " 2d "
Wm Smith " " " " " 3d "

$2512.50
No 723

On motion it was ordered that the Mayor draw from the Treasury the sum of $2512.50. with an additional sum sufficient to pay the exchange & that he forward the amt so drawn to A.C. Flagg. Treasurer of the C. & R.I. R.R. Co. the same being the amount now due on the City Rail Road interest bonds-

Ordered that Frederick Ridenbaugh have License to keep Grocery for the term of one year from and after the 17th day of October A.D 1854-

Ordered that Zimmer & Albrecht have license to keep a Grocery for the term of one year from and after the 15th day of November A.D 1854 - Lafayette Saloon -

On motion the Council adjourned

R.N. Smith Clerk

November 20th. 1854

City Council called to order. Present, full board.

The Minutes of last four preceding Meetings were read, discussed and approved.

On motion, Voted to allow Mayor Harpers a/c for Cash advanced to pay Exchange to purchase Draft on New York for the sum of $2512,50 @ 2½ pr cent. Sixty two Dollars and
$62.82 No 724 eighty two cents – sd dft being to pay Interest on the City R.R. Bonds.

To allow F. Yates for services as City Watchman
$8.00 No 725 to this date, Eight Dollars.

Voted to allow W. H. Browning and J. Goldsmith
$8.00 No 726 $8.00 No 727 the same amount each, for the same services.

Voted to allow R. Graham & Co's Bill for Stove &c. Six-
$16.40 No 728 teen Dollars and forty cents.

Voted to allow Joseph Johnston, for error in Settlement being for Over-assessment to J. W. Spencer of 25 acres of Land
$25.50 No 729 at $200.00 pr acre, taxed at ½ pr ct = $25.00 and also two acres to M. B. Osborn assessed at $50.00 pr acre, taxed ½ pr ct = ,50 – making in the whole Twenty five Dollars and
fifty cents.

$0.75 No 730 Ordered to allow S. S. Guyer Seventy five cents for cash paid at Tax sale of 1854 for taxes of 1853 on Lot 12 Blk 7 L. A. there being no such Lot.

Joseph Johnston, Marshal elect and William Kahn Treasurer, presented their Bonds, which were duly examined approved and ordered to be placed on file.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to notify the City Marshal, to pay over all the money in his hands belonging to the City, to the Treasurer.

On motion, ordered that the City Watchmen shall hereafter cry each hour of the Night, commencing at

Eleven, and ending at Four O.clock

Voted and chose Thomas H. Keivans, Joseph Barnet, and William H. Browning, Watchmen

Voted to receive sealed proposals for the City printing, to be left at the Mayor's Office, on or before wednesday, the 22d. inst, at twelve O'clock M. and that the Clerk be directed to notify the several offices to that effect —

On motion, Voted to adjourn to wednesday the 22d inst at one O'clock P. M. —

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

November 22d 1854

Met agreeable to adjournment — Present, a full board

The minutes of the preceding Meeting were read and approved —

On motion, voted that the salary of the City Marshal, for services performed as such which are not provided for by Ordinance, shall be fixed at $175.00 for the present year — Voted & chose Cornelius Lynde Senr. Supervisor of Side-walks — The Bonds of C. Lynde, Clerk, Thomas H. Keivans, Joseph H. Barnet & William H. Browning, Watchmen — and Peter S. Albert & John L. Bean, Street Commissioners, were received, examined, approved and ordered to be placed on file — On motion, voted that J. B. Danforth Jr. be elected City-Printer for the current year, without compensation, in conformity with his proposal this day made to the board — Voted that his Honor the Mayor be directed to cast the vote of the City, at the next annual meeting of the Stockholders of the C. & R. I. R. R. Co. or to provide some other person to perform that service — Voted & Chose Ben. Harper, Lumber Measurer and Peter S. Albert, Fire Warden — Ordered that the Mayor be authorized and directed to correspond with Hon. J. O. Wilkinson, or other competent person

or persons, at his discretion, and cause a thorough revision of the Ordinances
& Bye laws of the City, at as early a day as practicable, and submit the
same to the City Council —

On motion, voted to adjourn

C. Lynde, Clerk

Regular Meeting — December 18. 1854

Members Present, His Honor, the Mayor, Ald. Copp, Kale
Smith, Bean & Albert — Meeting called to order by the Mayor —
The minutes of the last preceding Meeting were read and
on motion, approved — The Bonds of Andrew Routzong and
W. F. Grounberry, ~~as~~ Watchmen were presented approved
and ordered to be placed on file — The Bond of Messrs Luse
& Lodge was also approved — William Herrick & Co presented
$500.00 No 733 their Bill for Lamp-Posts, claiming a balance of $600.00, which
on motion, was allowed —

J. B. Harrington Esq — presented two Executions of
$100.00 each, against the City of Rock Island one, in favor of
Joseph Knox Esq and the other in favor of Lemuel Andrews Esq
and, on motion, voted that action in relation to said Exns be
deferred to the next regular meeting of the board —

The Report of Joseph W. Conway, Street Commissioner of
the first Ward, and Peter S. Albert, of the second Ward, were
presented and accepted — Voted to allow Joseph W. Conways
$39.00 No 732 Bill for services and Cash paid as Street Commissioner thirty
nine Dollars — Also, to allow P. S. Alberts Bill $28.50 for services
$28.50 No 731 and Cash paid as Street Commissioner — The Petition of Messrs
Ranson & Young for a License to keep a Grocery from Nov. 30.

1854. to the 30th of Nov. 1855, was read and prayer of petition granted they giving bonds to the satisfaction of the City Council and paying into the City Treasury the sum of Two Hundred Dollars

On motion, ordered to dispense with all other City Watchmen, excepting the services of the Marshall and his Deputy

$\$6\frac{66}{100}$ No 737 Ordered, to allow William H. Brownings Bill of $\$6\frac{66}{100}$ for services as Watchman

$\$23\frac{67}{100}$ No 739 Ordered to allow Andrew Routzong's Bill of $\$23\frac{67}{100}$ for same services.

$\$13.\frac{33}{100}$ No 736 Ordered to allow Thomas Keiran's Bill of $\$13.\frac{33}{100}$ for same services

$\$36^{00}$ No 735 Ordered to allow Joseph H. Barnetts Bill of $\$36^{00}$ for same services.

$\$6^{66}$ No 738 Ordered, to allow Jacob Goldsmith $\$6^{66}$ for same services

$\$20^{00}$ No 734 Ordered, to allow W. F. Grovenberry $\$20^{00}$ for same services

On Motion, B. Harper, Mayor and Cornelius Lynde were chosen a Committee to confer with all the claimants to that part of the City, known as the "Church Square" and ascertain on what terms, a compromise may be effected of all the claims existing on the same, and after taking legal counsel on the matter, to report to this board at as early a day as practicable

Ordered that the Council adjourn

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Special Meeting December 26. 1854

Board met pursuant to a call of the Mayor —

Present. His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Kale, Copp Albert and Bean — The minutes of the last preceding meeting were read and approved —

Ordinance
No
~~No #1~~

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the election of one or more City Weighers, and for the better ascertaining the quantity of coal and hay" — another, entitled "an ordinance, regulating the measurement of wood" another, entitled an ordinance in addition to an ordinance regulating the Police of the City of Rock Island paſsed Dec. 8th 1849". and another entitled "an Ordinance in addition to an ordinance "relating to Licenses" were severally introduced and on motion, unanimously adopted —

The petition of Samuel W. Fowler, praying for a lease of a certain piece of Land, for a mortar bed &c. was taken up and considered and on motion it was ordered that fifty feet of the Land adjoining the lumber yard of P. W. Gallup, on the west, and extending back to the river, be leased to said Fowler, for the purpose aforesaid, for the term of one year, he paying as rent therefor, the sum of twenty Dollars —

On motion, Alderman Copp & Bean were constituted a Committee to select the most favorable location for a Market House, and make such other enquiries as they may deem neceſsary in relation thereto, and report to the board as soon as practicable —

A Committee, consisting of Mayor Harper and Alderman Kale, were appointed to make preliminary arrangements for improving the Levee, within the City, by obtaining such information as they may think desirable, and make report to the board —

Ordered that a new order be drawn in favor of P. W. Gallup, for bill of lumber for the sum of $24.23, allowed Oct. 16, 1854 — the order drawn at that time being lost and unpaid —

$24 23/100
No 740

Ordered, that Messrs Cook & Seymour be required to pay a License, as Auctioneers, at the rate of forty Dollars per annum, commencing at the time said Cook & Seymour began to sell property at auction, within the city; after deducting the amount they have already paid, as by the Clerk's receipt therefor —

Ordered, that the rate of License for Billiard Tables and Ball Alleys shall be $25.00 pr year for each table or alley.

John L. Bean was duly appointed City Weigher and Wood measurer for the ensuing year —

On motion voted to adjourn to friday evening, the 29th instant, at six o'clock —

Cornelius Lynde, Clerk

Ben Harper Mayor

Ordinances

An Ordinance regulating the Measurement of Wood

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island,

No 41 That from and after the passage and publication of this Ordinance no fire-wood shall be sold or purchased, to be used within said City, to a greater amount than one fourth part of a cord, until it shall have been measured, and certificate given by the wood-measurer, whose duty it is hereby made to measure the same on the waggon or other vehicle of conveyance, or piled ~~and~~ corded up in bulk, if, in his judgement, it is, in either situation, so corded or loaded, that measurement may be arrived at with tolerable accuracy – And every cord, so measured, shall contain one hundred and twenty eight cubic feet when closely and compactly piled together —

Section 2. Be it further ordained,

That any person, who shall, for the purpose of cheating or defrauding another, exhibit or use a certificate of the wood-measurer, by making or attempting to make the same applicable to any greater or less quantity of wood, or any other than the full load, lot or parcel for which the same was originally given, shall forfeit and pay for the use of said city the sum of five dollars, for every such offence and any person who shall sell any wood, contrary to the provisions of the preceding section of this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay, as above, for every load so sold, two Dollars – The above penalties to be sued for and recovered before the Police Magistrates Court, within and for said City —

Section 3. Be it further ordained,

That the wood-measurer shall be allowed for his services, under this ordinance, the following rate of fees.

to be paid by the vendor, to wit,,

For measuring one cord or leſs	15 cents
" " over one cord, and not exceeding four,	10 cents per cord
" " " four cords " " " twelve,	8 cents " "
" " " twelve " " " " twenty,	6 cents " "
Over twenty cords	5 cents " "

In addition to these rates, said Measurer shall be allowed for each load, lot or parcel of wood, measured at a greater distance than one square or block from his office or residence, and not exceeding one fourth of a mile from the same fifteen cents, and a further sum of fifteen cents, in all cases in which he is required to go more than one fourth of a mile from his office or residence —

Section 4,, Be it further ordained,

That an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance regulating the measurement of wood, paſsed December 22,, 1849, and numbered 10, be, and the same is hereby repealed —

Paſsed December 26,, 1854 —

Cornelius Lynde, Clerk

An Ordinance providing for the election of one or more city weighers, and for the better ascertaining the quantity of Coal and Hay —

Section 1,, Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island —

No 40 That one or more city weigher or weighers for the City of Rock Island, shall forthwith be appointed by the City Council in the same manner as prescribed in an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance regulating the appointment of certain officers and prescribing their duties" paſsed September 21,, 1850, whose duty it shall be to attend at all proper times, to the weighing of all coal and hay which shall be brought or presented to him for that purpose, and

and to give a correct and true certificate of the weight thereof on receiving the amount of fees for the service, fixed and allowed by this ordinance – The standard weight for coal, if estimated by the bushel, shall be eighty pounds, per bushel, and of coal and hay, by the ton, Two thousand pounds per ton, or fractional parts of Two thousand pounds –

Section 2d Be it further ordained,

That hereafter, no coal, (other than charcoal or Coke) nor hay of any description of a greater quantity than five hundred pounds of either article, shall be sold, to be used or to be resold within said City, until the same has been weighed, and certificate given by the city weigher, or some suitable person authorized by him which certificate shall set forth the full weight of the load, the tare for the waggon or other vehicle (if any) and the weight of coal or hay the tare being deducted – Provided however, that nothing contained in this ordinance shall forbid or prevent any person from selling coal to Steam Boats, by the box or measure ordinarily used for that purpose –

Section 3„ Be it further ordained,

That any person who shall fraudulently offer or use any certificate of a City weigher for any other purpose than to determine the weight of the load, lot or parcel for which the same was originally given, shall forfeit and pay, for the use of said City, the sum of five dollars for every such offence, and any person selling or disposing of any hay or coal, contrary to the provisions of the preceding section, shall forfeit and pay, as above, two dollars for each and every load so sold – Both the aforesaid penalties to be sued for and recovered before the Police Magistrate of said City. –

Section 4th Be it further ordained,

That the City weigher or weighers, appointed under this ordinance, shall be allowed, to be paid by the vendor, ten cents for each load weighed, including weight of empty waggon or other tare

This ordinance to take effect in ten days after its publication

Paſsed December 26th 1854 and published December

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Ordinance No 42

An Ordinance, in addition to "an Ordinance regulating the Police of the City of Rock-Island" Paſsed December 8th 1849.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island

That from and after the paſsage and publication of this ordinance, it shall be made the duty of the City Marshal or any other member of the City Police, to apprehend, and take or cause to be taken before the Police Magistrate of said City, every person who shall be found drunk or disorderly in the streets, or within any building or place within the limits of said city, and every person, so taken and convicted of drunkenneſs or disturbance as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for the use of said City, a sum not leſs than two Dollars, nor more than ten dollars, for every such offence.

Paſsed December 26th 1854

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Ben Harper Mayor

An Ordinance in addition to "an ordinance relating to Licenses

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island

Ordinance No 43 – That no person shall keep a Billiard Table or Ball Alley, of a similar character or denomination to a "nine-pin" or "ten pin" alley within the limits of said city, without a License therefor from the City Council – and every person so offending shall forfeit and pay for the use of said City, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered, with costs before the Police Magistrate of said City –

Paſsed, December 26. 1854 –

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Friday evening, December 29th 1854 –

Council met agreeable to adjournment, Present. Aldermen Copp, Bean, Kale, Smith & Albert –

The Mayor being absent, the Council were called to order by Alderman Copp, and on motion Alderman Bean was chosen Mayor pro tem,

Adjourned, to Saturday Dec, 30th 1854 at one o. clock P. M.

Saturday December 30th 1854 – Met pursuant to adjournment

Present, His Honor, the Mayor, Aldermen Kale, Copp, Albert, Bean and Smith –

Andrew Rautzong's Bond as a City Watchman was presented and approved –

Report of L. M Webber Treasurer November 14" 1854.

Cash Received,

1853			
Nov. 24	Of J. B. Willis, Waggon License	6 Mos,	2 50
" "	" D. Daly " "	" "	2 50
" 29	" Swiſs Bell Ringers "		5 00
1854 Jany 16	" Alleganians "		2 50
" "	For County Order and E. Booth's Note		19 84
" "	Of Quincy Mc Neil, City Tax		68 68
Mar. 6	" Do Dray License	3 Mos.	1 25
" "	" Kosuth House License	3 "	25 00
" "	" Mansion House "	6 "	50 00
" "	" S. B. Stoddard, Supervisor		2 50
May 13	" J. S. Cady, Waggon License	12 Mos	5 00
June 1	" Do Do	" "	5 00
" "	" J. M. Wilson Do	" "	5 00
" "	" J. Johnson Dray License		2 50
" 12	" Chicago Retreat "	3 "	25 00
" "	" J. Zeigler "	3 "	25 00
" "	" Kossuth House "	3 "	25 00
" 14	" J. Bendon. "	6 "	5 00
" 19	" Buttrick & Co "	3 "	25 00
" "	" Blakely Family "		5 00
July 10	" Patrick Balis "	3 "	25 00
Aug 3	" Joseph Johnston. City Tax		520 00
" 12	" W. C. Tanner License	3 "	25 00
" "	" J. Johnston City Tax		50 00
" "	" C. Linners License	3 "	25 00
" "	" J. Johnson City Tax		410 00
			$1362 27

Treasurer's Report Continued

	1854						
						$1362	27
Sept	11	Received of	Robinson Family	License		5	00
"	16	"	" E. Downey. T. City Saloon	"	12 Mos.	200	00
"	18	"	" Joseph Johnston	City Tax		2500	00
"	25	"	" A. Butcher	License	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" D. Newman	Do	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" P. Morian	Do	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" John Zeigler	Do	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" John Lutz	Do	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" John Laddice	Do	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" Joseph Johnston	City Tax		200	00
Oct	18	"	" W. C. Tanner	License	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" Benjamin Smith	Do	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" P. Bates	Do	" "	200	00
"	"	"	" E. Downey, City Exchange		" "	200	00
"	"	"	" Kossuth House	Do	" "	200	00
Sept	14	"	" Joseph Johnston	City Tax		614	96
"	"	"	" Do	" "		1028	71
"	"	"	" Waggon License			10	00
"	"	"	" Dray Do			42	50
"	"	"	" Saloon Do			147	50
		Cash on hand at the last Settlement 1853				710	24
						$9021	18

Treasurer's Report Continued

Paid out,

Order No.			
647	To A. K. Philleo	3	50
628	" Joseph Johnston	25	00
600	" J. W. Churchill	15	00
619	" Jacob Starr	2	50
618	" Benj^a Smith	2	50
602	" L. M. Webber	74	84
564	" Knox & Drury	70	00
590	" J. B. Danforth Jr	26	25
581	" Do	1	00
572	" James Boyce	25	00
568	" Bailey & Boyle	5	00
580	" H. S. Childs	1	00
590	" Quincy McNeil	4	10
586	" Henry Huseman	1	00
587	" James Boyce	1	00
561	" H. A. Porter	1	60
562	" A. Stillman	2	00
588	" Do	1	00
589	" Do	7	00
542	" J. M. Moore	1	00
582	" Q. McNeil	1	00
593	" L M Webber for B. F. Barrett	400	00
645	" D. B. Rice	16	67
643	" A. K. Philleo	25	00
	P. S. Albert	12	00
	A. Stillman	24	00

	To A. Van Camp	20	00
598	" L M Webber	40	15
641	" A K. Philleo	100	00
608	" Jacob Norris	15	00
583	" John Holt	1	00
629	" Joseph Johnston	44	00
640	" H. Early	6	00
594	" L. M. Webber	150	00
689	" C. Lynde Sr	25	00
698	" John Thompson	1	00
686	" William Frizzell	50	00
701	" H. B. Beugh	1	00
691	" R. W. Smith	48	50
680	" A. Van Camp	24	00
681	" A. F. Swanden	30	00
667	" J. P. Kennedy	7	67
636	" J. H. Hatch	36	00
668	" J. Goldsmith	32	00
666	" Wm H. Browning	40	00
669	" Philip Zahn	55	00
670	" F. Yates	16	00
658	" A. F. Cutter	40	00
671	" E. Morey	72	85
595	" L. M. Webber for A. C. Dickson	500	00
625	" F. Wilson	26	50
665	" James Allison	10	00

Treasurer's Report Continued

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649	J. M. S. Smith	36	00	672	Joseph Johnston	85	81
657	J. W. Van Sant	5	60	674	B. F. Barrett	4	50
	J. M. Morrian	60	00	605	M. B. Osborn	10	75
	W. H. Browning	16	00	515	W. T. Norris	1	00
650	G. E. McCladdin	36	00	603	Peter S. Albert	15	00
662	Telegraph	3	95	663	George Walter	21	00
660	J. W. Vansant	36	20	620	Robert Wilkinson	2	50
	J. McMorian	13	05	599	A. J. Miller	90	00
	Joseph Johnston	293	81		J. B. Danforth Jr	79	85
585	T. B. Gorton	1	00	715	William S. Herrick	600	00
607	Raymond & Wharton	12	00	714	L. M. Webber	10	00
624	Philip Zahn	2	50	713	Do	167	60
609	H. A. Porter & Bro.	7	65	690	Do	25	00
644	Do	3	50	687	William Kale	25	00
604	S. B. Stoddard	15	00	707	Peter S. Albert	10	00
596	H. G. Reynolds	200	00	692	J. L. Bean	4	00
613	J. B. Cobb	2	50	711	J. Goldsmith	38	37
592	A. Briggs	1	00	712	N. B. Buford	15	83
642	Quincy McNiel	26	00	718	P. S. Albert	4	50
635	Knox & Drury	50	00		Joseph Johnston	194	00
	J. Goldsmith	60	00	720	Do	306	78
648	Wm Frizzell	297	00	722	Do	275	00
601	B. F. Barrett	500	00	688	William Shearer	25	00
651	Joseph Johnston	6	00	706	John McMorran	13	13
673	Do	64	40	708	William H. Browning	38	37
679	Do	15	00	710	J. Boice	5	00
654	Do	42	75	693	Do	2	00
						$6016	93

Regular Meeting January 15„ 1855

Present, His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Bean, Copp Kale, Albers and Smith –

Alderman Bean tendered his resignation of the office of Weigher which, on motion was accepted, and David Bowen was unanimously elected to fill the consequent vacancy –

Petitions having been filed by the following persons, praying for a Lease of portions of the Levee, to be used for the purpose of piling, using and selling coal, it was ordered,

That Meſsrs. Spencer, Robinson &Co, have, for the above purpose, sixty feet of the same, lying westerly of a line ranging with the westerly line of Washington Street, for the term of one year

Ordered, That Meſsrs. Stanley and Middleham have one hundred feet for the same purpose, situated west and adjoining the sixty feet, granted to Spencer, Robinson &Co, as above, for the term of one year from this date, they paying as rent therefor, the sum of fifty dollars

Ordered, That James N. Lowrey, W. S. Thomas, J. B. Salisbury and S. N. Chittenden be allowed to use, for the above purpose, one hundred feet on the Levee, commencing forty feet westerly of the west line of the portion of Land, granted as above to Stanley and Middleham, and thence westerly one hundred feet, bounded on the south by the north line of Water Street and on the north by the Miſsiſsippi River, for the term of one year from this date, for the sum of fifty dollars –

Ordered, That one hundred feet of said Levee be granted to William Frizzell, bounded on the east by a line ranging with the west line of East Eagle Street – north, by the Miſsiſsippi

River, west, by a line running parallel with said east line, one hundred feet westerly of the same, and south, by the west line of Water Street, he paying therefor, as rent fifty dollars for the term of one year from this date —

On motion, ordered, That P. W. Gallup have the use, for a Lumber Yard, of that part of the Levee he now has enclosed, for one year after the expiration of his present term, for the sum of Fifty Dollars -

Ordered, that all auctioneers, who shall carry on their business of selling at auction in a different place or manner, or to a greater amount than that contained in their several licenses, be required to pay an additional sum of two dollars for each day they shall so sell, and that the clerk be instructed to collect to that amount of each and every auctioneer who has, in any instance, sold in place or manner exceeding his license

Ordered, That Messrs Barrett & Cobb and Joseph Johnston be granted license to sell property within the limits of this City, for one year, as City auctioneers, by paying for each license the sum of fifty dollars —

On motion, voted to allow John Holt, one Dollar, in consideration of the loss of an order for the same amount -

Aldermen Bean and Hale were appointed a Committee to ascertain what arrangements may be made by the Rock Island Gas Company with regard to furnishing light for the City in as advantageous and economical manner as practicable and make report to this board —

The following ordinances were unanimously adopted

Ordinance "An Ordinance relating to Fees

No 44 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island

That in all cases in which an arrest is made by the City Marshal or his Deputies, without a warrant, the person making the arrest shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for the same, to be assessed and collected as other costs

Cornelius Lynde, Clerk Ben Harper, Mayor

Ordinance

No 45 - An Ordinance, in addition to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance regulating the Police of the City of Rock Island

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, That from and after the publication of this ordinance, no person shall tie or otherwise confine or fasten any horse or other animal, or cause the same to be done, to any Lamp post belonging to said City, or in any manner handle roughly, break or injure the lanterns or lamps connected therewith, or light or extinguish the same unless specially authorized so to do by the Mayor or City Council - and any person so offending shall forfeit and pay, for the use of said City five Dollars and costs for each and every offence

Cornelius Lynde Clerk Ben Harper Mayor"

Ordered, That an appropriation of $\$100^{00}$ be made for the purpose of raising and improving Adams Street, between Rock River and Illinois Streets, to be completed on or before the first day of July next

On motion J. D. Carmichael was appointed Street Commissioner for the third Ward in this City

The following bills were presented and allowed

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$11.80 No 748	Of	Cornelius Lynde,	for Cash paid for coal ~~Sta~~ Stationery &c.	11.80
$9.65 No 749	"	Philip Zahn,	" balance of labor on Washington Street	9.65
$2.50 No 746	"	Joseph Johnston	" Labor on Bridge	2.50
$37.33 No 745	"	A. Routzong	" Services as Watchman 28 days	37.33
$37.33 No 743	"	J. H. Barnett	" Do " Do " "	37.33
$18.50 No 747	"	Peter S. Albert	" Cash & labor expended on Streets & Sidewalks	18.50
$12.00 No 744	"	Do	" Services as Fire Warden	12.00
$1.00 No 750	"	John Holt	" lost order	1.00
$17.90 No 741	"	E. Morey	" Jail fees	17.90
$6.00 No 742	"	H. A. Porter & Brother	" Police Docket	6.00

On motion, the Council adjourned —

Cornelius Lynde, Clerk

Special Meeting. January 22. 1855 —

City Council convened by order of the Mayor — Present his Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Albert, Bean, Copp, Hale and Smith — On motion, ordered that

$101.50 No 752 One hundred and one Dollars and fifty cents be allowed to Joseph Knox to pay an Execution, and the interest thereon, recovered against the City — said Execution being for services while at Springfield in procuring the passage of a law authorizing the City of Rock Island to relinquish and convey certain Streets & Alleys and a portion of the Levee to the C & R. I. R. R. Company

$100.00 No 751 Ordered to allow Lemuel Andrews One hundred Dollars to pay an Execution recovered for the same service, with the exception of interest — Ordered to allow S. B. Harrington Seven dollars and

$7.21 No 753 twenty one cents, for costs on the before mentioned Executions

Council adjourned

Cornelius Lynde Clerk

Special Meeting January 29. 1855 –

City Council convened by order of the Mayor – Present, His Honor, the Mayor, Aldermen Albert, Bean, Kale and Smith –

On motion, ordered, that Grocery License be granted to Martin Hoben for the term of one year, commencing January 9th. 1855, and ending January 9th 1856, he giving bonds according to law and paying into the treasury of the City the sum of two hundred Dollars – Ordered that Benjamin D. Walsh be allowed double the fees granted by ordinance to the City Marshal for collecting, upon all sums which shall be actually and bona fide recovered to the City, through his discovery of errors ~~made and completed in conformity with this order, either in the accounts of the various~~ in the accounts of the various City officers or of orders granted in error, or of Licenses not granted or not legally granted or not duly accounted for by any of the city officers, up to November 14th 1854 – And that Benjamin D. Walsh ~~it is further ordered~~ and ~~that~~ Cornelius Lynde Sr, be appointed a Committee to examine the books & papers of the City with a view to a verification of any errors detected by said Walsh –

Council adjourned –

Cornelius Lynde, Clerk

Regular Meeting Feby. 19. 1855 –

Present, His Honor, the Mayor, Aldermen Albert, Copp & Kale

In consequence of the absence of so large a proportion of the board, on motion, the Council adjourned to Wednesday the 21st instant, at nine o.clock A.M.

Adjourned Meeting, February 21. 1855

Met agreeable to adjournment - Present - full board -

Ordered, that the proposition of the Gas Company to furnish Gas for the City at $3,50 pr 1000 cubic feet and to arrive at the quantity used by setting a Metre at one lamp and estimating by that for the whole number of lamps lighted, be accepted -

Having received proposals from several different sources, on motion, voted to appoint Peter S. Albert to perform the service of lighting and extinguishing the City lamps during the current year, for a compensation of twelve Dollars per month -

The Mayor presented a communication and Report of the Treasurer, which, having been read and examined, were accepted and ordered to be published and ordered to be published and placed on file - The Reports of A. F. Swander, Police Magistrate, Joseph Johnston, Marshal and Cornelius Lynde, Clerk, were also severally received and disposed of in the same manner - Said communication and Reports are as follows -

Treasurer's Report

City of Rock Island, in a/c with William Kale, Treasurer Cr.

Nov. 23. 1854	By Cash and orders received of L. M. Webber, former Treasurer	3004	24		
" " "	" " received of Michael Zimmer, Grocery License	200	00		
" 27 "	" " " of Joseph Johnston for money refunded for for side walk, Lot 10 Block 12 Spencer & Case's Additions	42	75		
" " "	" " " of Joseph Johnston, fines, from E. R. Bean Esq	97	98		
" " "	" " " " Do Licenses, Tanner & others	27	75		
Dec 16 "	" " " " Frederick Ridenbaugh, Grocery License,	200	00		
	Amount carried forward -			$3572	72

Treasurers Report Continued

Dec 18. 1854	Amount brought forward	$3572 72	
" " "	By Cash received of Joseph Johnston, City Tax	41 00	
" " "	" " " " Wyman, Show License	5 00	
" " "	" " " " C. Lynde, Clerk	26 35	
" " "	" " " " Joseph Johnston, City tax,	15 00	
" 19 "	" " " " Joseph Young, Grocery License,	192 00	
" 30 "	" " " " A. F. Swander, fines	5 00	
January 3, 1855	" " " " John W. Spencer & Co	1000 00	
" 17 "	" " " " C. Lynde, Clerk	131 80	
Feby 19 "	" " " " Do Do	138 00	
" " "	" " " " A F Swander, Jail fees & fines	41 35	
" 21 "	" " " C. Lynde, Clerk,	14 42	
" " "	" " " " Joseph Johnston, Gallup & Co Rent,	50 00	$5232.64

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Nov. 23. 1854	To Cash paid Order No 723 to Ben Harper	2512 50	Int. R.R. Bonds
" " "	" " " " " 724 " Do	62 82	Exchange
" " "	" " " " " 721 " Manning & Wilkinson	164 00	Services as Attorneys
" " "	" " " " " 704 " Philip Zahn	40 00	Work on Washn Street
" " "	" " " " " 705 " Fred. Yates	38 37	services as Watchman
" " "	" " " " " 725 " Do	8 00	Do
" " "	" " " " " 726 " Jacob Goldsmith	8 00	Do
" " "	" " " " " 703 " J. W. Vansant	6 00	Lumber
" " "	" " " " " 727 " W. H. Browning	8 00	services as Watchman
" 24 "	" " " " " 716 " Peter Burtnell	100 00	Apprehending Stoddard
" 25 "	" " " " " 717 " S. H. Henderson	1 00	Election services
" 29 "	" " " " " 729 " Joseph Johnston	25 50	Over Assessment
	amount carried forward		$2974.19

Treasurers Report Continued

		$	cts	
	Amount of Debit brought forward	$2974	19	
Nov. 29/54	To Cash paid Order No 696 to A. K. Phillio	1	00	Election services
Dec. 2 "	" " " " " 728 " Robert Graham & Co	16	40	Stove &c
" 14 "	" " " " " 700 " C. H. Case	1	00	Election services
" " "	" " " " " 699 " John Mc Morin	1	00	Do
" 18 "	" " " " " 734 " W. J. Grovenbury	20	00	Watchman
" 19 "	" " " " " 733 " Wm Herrick & Co	600	00	Lamp Posts
" " "	" " " " " 732 " Jos. Conway	39	00	Services St. Com
" " "	" " " " " 736 " Thos. H. Keirans	13	33	Watchman
" " "	" " " " " 731 " P. S. Albert	28	50	Services St. Com
" 20 "	" " " " " 739 " A. Routzong	23	67	Watchman
" " "	" " " " " 738 " Jac. Goldsmith	6	66	Do
" " "	" " " " " 735 " Jos. H. Barnett	36	00	Do
" 21 "	" " " " " 737 " Wm H. Browning	6	66	Do
Jan. 13. 1855	" " " " " 625 " D. Mc Neil	30	00	Services as Clerk
" " "	" " " " " 610 " Do	2	50	City Police 28 Feb/54
" 16 "	" " " " " 745 " A. Routzong	37	33	Watchman
" " "	" " " " " 747 " P. S. Albert	18	50	Work Sts & S. Walks
" " "	" " " " " 744 " Do	12	00	Serv. as F. Warden
" " "	" " " " " 749 " Philip Zahn	9	65	Labor on Wash St
" " "	" " " " " 743 " J. H. Barnett	37	33	Watchman
" " "	" " " " " 742 " E. Morey	17	90	Jail fees
" 17 "	" " " " " 748 " C. Lynde	11	80	Cash Pd for sundries
" 18 "	" " " " " 750 " John Holt	1	00	Lost order
" 22 "	" " " " " 752 " Jos. Honor	101	50	Exm. & Inst
" " "	" " " " " 753. S. B. Harrington	7	21	Fees on Do
" 23 "	" " " " " 757 " Lemuel Andrews	100	00	Execution
	Amount carried forward	$4154	13	

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Treasurers Report concluded

	Amount of Debit brought forward	$4154	13	
Jan 30 1855	To Cash paid Order No 741 to H. A Porter Bros	6	00	P. Mag. Book
Feby 17. "	" " " " " 646 " Jacob Simmons	2	00	Work on Streets
		$4162	13	
	Amount of Credit brought forward	5232	64	
	" " Debit brot down	4162	13	
	Leaving balance in my hands Feby 21/55	$1070	51	

City of Rock Island. Feby 21. 1855

Wm Hale. City Treasurer

Communication of the Mayor

To the board of Aldermen of the City of Rock Island,

Gent. That we might better arrive at just conclusions as to the means which we can make available towards the many improvements which seem almost indispensable to the prosperity and respectability of our City, I have thought fit to require of the Treasurer a Report at this time, comprising a full statement of receipts from the late Treasurer, as well as from all other sources — together with an account of all expenditures since he has acted as treasurer, which Report, having been made, I hereunto subjoin — By way of explanation to the foregoing Report, I take occasion to add a few remarks — The first item given as credit to the City is — "By cash and orders, received of L. M. Webber, former Treasurer, $3004.24", of which, it appears only $186.62 was actually paid in cash, the balance, $2817.62 having been received in outstanding orders, as will be seen by report annexed —

It is also true, that the orders paid by the present treasurer since that date were mainly, either for sums allowed prior to my coming into office, or since allowed for claims existing antecedent thereto —

The gross amount of the allowances for

subsequent claims, by the present board, is ascertained to be $212.86, including all that can, in any event, be deemed questionable —

I doubt not, Gentlemen, that I shall receive your faithful cooperation in carrying out a system of strict economy and rigid accountability in all things relating to the affairs of the city, during the current year

City of Rock Island, Feby 21. 1855

Ben Harper, Mayor

Police Magistrate's Report

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Island, Gentlemen, Having been requested by you to make a Report of the amount of fines collected and paid over, I respectfully beg leave to offer the following as my report

Date	From whom received	fine	jail fee	To whom paid
Dec 26. 1854	Patrick Owen	2.00	1.05	William Kale
" 30 "	Patrick Murran	5.00		Do
Jan 1. 1855	Ahalsan Johnson	2.00	1.05	Do
" 4 "	D. D. & F. A Smith	20.00		C Lynde
" 8 "	Deitrick Tegrende	2.00	1.05	William Hale
" " "	Herman Becker	2.00	1.05	Do $1.05 C. Lynde $2.00
" " "	Francis Demott	2.00	1.05	Do $1.05 Do $2.00
" 9 "	Ellen Corrigan	2.00	1.05	Do
" " "	Zimmer & Albrecht	5.00		Do
" " "	John Hartel	5.00		Do
" " "	Harvey Austin	2.00	1.05	Do
" 10 "	Norman Cowell	2.00		Do

Police Magistrates Report concluded

Jan. 16. 1855	From whom received	fine	Jail fee	To whom paid
" " "	Charles Bailey	2.00	1.05	William Kale
" 17 "	A. W. Corry	5.00	—	Do
" 20 "	John R. Vorris	2.00	—	Do
" 30 "	William Tully	2.00		Do
		$62.00	$8.35	

Making in all $70.35. of which $24.00 was paid to C. Lynde, City Clerk and the balance of $46.35, was paid to William Kale City Treasurer

All of which is respectfully submitted –

Alex. F. Swander. P.M

Marshals Report

To the City Council of the City of Rock Island. Gentlemen, The following amounts have been received by me and the same paid over from Nov 27. 1854. to Feby 21. 1855 —

Cash from Holmes Hakes for making Sidewalk	42 75	
" " E. R. Bean. for fines collected	97 98	
" " Tanner & others	27 75	
" " City delinquent Tax	41 00	
" " Do	15 00	
" " Paul Gallup for Ground rent	50 00	$274 48

Jos. Johnston,

City Marshal

Clerks Report

City of Rock Island in a/c with C Lynde Jun Clerk Cr

Nov 29, 1854	By Cash received of Messrs Brackett & Allison Redemption on Lots 3 and 5 Block 2 Thompson & Wells Addition	9 38
Dec 9 "	" Cash received of Thomas Leeson, Dray License	5 00
" " "	" " " " Storrs Do, 2 Mos,	85
" " "	" " " " Baker family Concert	2 50
" " "	" " " " Lease & Lodge, Auction License	10 00
" 18 "	" " " " Ranson & Young Gro, Do	8 00
" 21 "	" " " " James Fitzsimmons Dray License	5 00
" " "	" " " " Henry Fitzsimmons " Do	5 00
" 22 "	" " " " Thomas Phares Redemption pt Lot 3. Blk 11 S&Cs Addition	14 90
" 26 "	" " " " M. B. Osborn " Lot 10. Blk 3. T. & Ws. Add.	7 20
Jany 8, 1855	" " " " D.D. Smith. Waggon License.	5 00
" " "	" " " " S. C. Hull. Auctioneers Do	5 00
" " "	" " " " A. F. Swander Esq Fines	24 00
" 9 "	" " " " "Orpheans" Concert	5 00
" " "	" " " " Martin Hoben part Gro. License	50 00
" " "	" " " " Joseph Johnston, Ph. Simmons Dray License	10 00
" 11 "	" " " " Joseph Conway Redn Lot 3. Blk 10. O.T.	8 14
" 15 "	" " " " Treasurer on order allowed for Cash pd out	11 80
" " "	" " " " Gooley for License of two Ball Alleys	50 00
" 18 "	" " " " Bragg & Smith. Show License	3 00
" 29 "	" " " " "Empire Minstrels. Do	2 00
" 30 "	" " " " J. L. Bean Waggon Do 6 Mos.	2 50
Feb. 1 "	" " " " J. H. Lease and Son, Auc License 4 days $1.00	4 00
" 5 "	" " " " Joseph March. Beer permit,	5 00
" " "	" " " " S. C. Hull. Auc. License. 11 nights $1.00	11 00
" " "	" " " " Martin Hoben, part for license	90 00
	Amount carried forward	$354 27

Clerk's Report Continued

	Amount brought forward	$ 354 27	
Feby 12 1855	By Cash received of Draymen for Numbers 1 to 20	3 00	
" 13 "	" " " " Jacob Simmons. Dray Tax. 6 mos.	2 50	
" " "	" " " " David Noonan " 1. Year	5 00	
" 14 "	" " " " Francis Brady " " "	5 00	$ 369 77

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Dec 18. 1854	To Cash paid Treasurer. pr Rect	26 35	
" 26. "	" " " for 1 Load Coal	5 00	
" 27. "	" " refunded to M. B. Osborn. Redn. Lot 10 Block 3. T. & W.	2 80	
Jan. 1. 1855	" " paid for ink. pens. paper & Broom	1 50	
" 3 "	" " " Jos. W. Brackett. Redn. for Brackett & Waite	43 00	
" 5 "	" " " Dunlap for fixing press	50	
" 15 "	" " " for 1/2 Ream paper	1. 75	
" 17 "	" " " Treasurer. pr Rect	131 80	
" " "	" " " B. Harper Mayor. included in order to pay for coal	3 05	
" 22 "	" " " Men for clearing snow from crossings	1. 50	
" 25 "	" " " for Gum-elastic file ties	10	
Feby 19 "	" " " Treasurer pr Rect	138 00	
" 21. "	" " " Do " "	14 42	$ 369 77

Rock Island. Feby 21. 1855.

Cornelius Lynde.
Clerk

Voted to receive sealed proposals at the Mayors Office until noon of wednesday, the 28th inst, for excavation embankments and macadamizing the Levee fronting Block two, and also in front of Block three in Spencer and Case's Addition, to be taken in separate bids, to be done agreeable to plan and specifications in said office —

The report of Messrs. Walsh & Lynde, relating to errors, deficiencies &c, was received and accepted and ordered to be placed on file —

William Hale, J. H. Barnett and Cornelius Lynde Sen. were appointed a Committee to confer with the several individuals named in said Report for the purpose of an amicable explanation and adjustment of all matters contained therein — Ordered, that the following bills be allowed and orders for their several amounts, drawn on the treasurer, to wit,

No 754 $ 1.00	To Joseph Johnston for removing dead Cow	1.00	✓
" 755 $ 1.00	" Thomas Kirkpatrick for removing dead Cow	1.00	✓
" 756 $ 4.90	" E. Morey, Jail fees from Jany 16. 1855, to this date	4.90	✓
" 757 $ 10.87	" J. W. VanSant for plank for Bridge	10.87	✓
" 758 $ 46.66	" J. H. Barnett " services as Watchman	46.66	✓
" 759 $ 3.10	" H. A. Porter & Bro. Book &c	3.10	✓
" 760 $ 28.00	" G. S. Taylor, Services on Levee	28.00	

Ordered, that Beer licenses be granted to the following persons for one year, at the rate of $25.00 per year —

To Michael Hoover commencing Nov 25. 1854
" Joseph March " Feby 5. 1855
" David Langley " " 21. 1855

The following ordinances were unanimously adopted

Ordinance No 46 An ordinance providing for the expenses of lighting the City

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, That from and after the passage of this ordinance, the expenses of maintaining the Gas-lights for the City shall be defrayed by a special tax upon the holders of the lots upon any of the streets lighted thereby, according to the respective fronts owned by them including the two first lots in the next Block extending either way from the extreme lamp posts in any or all streets so lighted, if such Blocks contain no more than four lots fronting on such street — and in case such Block contains more than four lots, as aforesaid, then, and in that case, the three nearest lots shall be taxed in the same manner — said tax to be made and collected as other taxes in the city

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Ordinance No 47

An ordinance fixing the Salaries of Mayor & Aldermen

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, That the Mayor be allowed for his services, the sum of one hundred Dollars per year

Sec 2 Be it further ordained, That each Alderman be allowed for his services the sum of fifty dollars per year

Sec 3 Be it further ordained, that an ordinance, entitled "an Ordinance fixing the salaries of Mayor and Alderman, passed Dec. 28th 1852, be, and the same is hereby repealed

Approved Feby 21. 1855

Ben Harper, Mayor

Ordered, the Supervisor of Streets in each of the road districts of this City, shall, if requested, receive in his district, as an equivalent for the three days labor required by ordinance, two dollars in money, and discharge such person from road labor

Ordered: That the owners of Lots, or portions of Lots, bordering on the following streets to wit:

On the east side of Elk Street between Water and Pleasant Streets —

On the west side of Buffalo Street, between Water and Pleasant Streets
On the east side of Buffalo Street, between Water and Rock River Streets
On both sides of Eagle Street, between Water and Rock River Streets
On both sides of ~~Eagle Street~~, the whole length of West Eagle Street
On both sides of Washington street, between water and Rock River streets
On both sides of Orleans Street, from Elk Street to Washington Street
Also, from the Depot ground, on the east side of Madison St. to Rock River Street
On both sides of Adams Street, from Depot ground, to Rock River Street
On both sides of Dock street, from Depot ground to Rock River Street and
On both sides of Broadway from Depot ground to Rock River Street, be required without further notice, to construct sidewalks on the present grade of said Streets - as established by the City Council, to be completed by the first day of July next, and to be constructed of sand or earth, and covered with good gravel of fine pounded stone, not less than three inches in thickness - the width of said side walks to be not less than ten feet on the top. And in case of neglect or refusal of any of said owners to construct or cause to be constructed, said sidewalks, within the time specified above, ~~said~~ the supervisor of sidewalks is hereby directed to cause the same to be made at the expense of the respective owners, and collect the expenses thereof, as provided by ordinance - On motion, adjourned to Wednesday, the 28th inst, at seven o.clock P.M.

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Ben Harper,
Mayor

Wednesday evening, February 28th 1855

City Council met agreeable to adjournment –

Present. full Board –

On motion, voted to allow B.J. Cobb $1.91 for cash paid in error, sale of
No 761 $1.91 Lots 5 and 7 in Block 7 and Lot 12 in Block 15 in the lower addition to
Rock Island, sold January 5th 1854 for taxes due the City for the year
1853 – The Report of Meſsrs Kale, Barnett & Lynde
on the matter of certain supposed "errors and deficiencies" in the accounts
of late officers of the city, was received, accepted and ordered to be placed
on file – Voted, that his Hon. the Mayor be a committee to employ counsel and commence suits on the unsettled delinquent
claims contained in the Report of Meſsrs Kale and others, just read
No 762 $4.50 Voted to allow P. C. Albert's Bill for Ladder and cash paid for
printing blanks – $4.50 –

Ordered, that the owners of Lots and portions of Lots fronting on either side of Illinois Street, between Elk Street and Exchange Street, and also on Orleans Street, between Elk Street and Exchange Street, be required, without further notice to construct side walks in front of each of said lots or parts of lots, on the present grade of said streets as established by the city council, to be completed by the first day of June next, to be made of sand or earth, with a covering of good gravel or fine pounded stone, not leſs than three inches thick, and the walks, at least ten feet wide on the top –

Council adjourned to Monday evening, March 5th 1855 at 6½ o clock P.M.

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Ben Harper
Mayor

Adjourned meeting, Monday evening Mar 5, 1855

Met agreeable to adjournment: Present, Aldermen Albert, Copp, Kale, Smith and Van Sant – The Mayor being absent Alderman Kale was appointed Chairman

On motion, voted to adjourn to Wednesday, the 7th inst, at two o'clock P. M –

March 7th 1855 – Met as per adjournment – Present full board – The proposals of E. P. Reynolds, and of James B. Ellis & Co, for grading and paving Levee, were each read and discussed, and on motion, were severally laid on the table –

Ordered that the Committee on Market house be instructed to obtain an abstract of the titles to fractional blocks, No. one and eight in Thompson and Well's Addition to Rock Island and submit the same to the board at the next meeting

The following bills were presented and allowed

No 764 $ 8.25 Of Edward Mc. Kay for lighting Street Lamps 8.25
" 765 $ 9.75 " Jack Conley for Do 9.75
" 766 $ 94.67 " Gas & Coke Co furnishing Gas to this date 94.67
" 767 $ 10.00 " R. Graham & Co for Dray numbers 10.00

Peter S. Albert was appointed a Committee to procure a new plow and dispose of the old one

Adjourned

Ben Harper Mayor

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Regular Meeting March 19th 1855

Present, his Hon. the Mayor, Aldermen Albert, Bean, Copp, Kale and VanSant — Ordered that Samuel W. Fowler have a lease of forty feet square of the Levee, in front of Block four in the Old Town lying in the southeast corner of the ground granted said Fowler — Dec. 26. 1854, instead of fifty feet ~~fet~~ extending to the river, as recorded under that date, for the term of one year, he paying in advance as rent therefor, ten Dollars —

Ordered, that George Mixter have a lease of all the remaining ground on the Levee in front of said Block four, north of Water Street, for one year, for the sum of fifty dollars, payable in advance, reserving forty ~~square~~ feet square, granted to Samuel W. Fowler —

The Petition of J. H. Langley & Co for 200 feet of the Levee, for the purpose of receiving and delivering freight and landing for wharf-boat, was laid on the table —

Petition of B.W. Crary for leave to use fifty feet square of the public Levee, for the purpose of stacking and selling coal, was also laid on the table —

The Petition of S. B. Harrington for license to keep a Grocery in the St. Louis Exchange, situated on Lot 3 Block 3 in Spencer & Cases Addition, for the term of one year, commencing on the 3d day of March 1855, and ending on the 3d day of March 1856 — A motion was made to grant said license, upon which an amendment was proposed that said License should not extend beyond the time fixed to ratify or reject the late prohibitory liquor law, was amendment was rejected and the previous motion adopted —

The following bills were presented and allowed —

No 767 $12.00	To Peter S. Albert	for	lighting & extinguishing lamps, one month,	12.00
" 768 $40.50	" Joseph H. Barnett	"	Services as Watchman and removing nuisance	40.50
" 769 $5.00	" S. J. Wheelock	"	Work on crossings	5.00

Ordered that the owners or holders of Lots or portions of Lots fronting upon Rock River Street between Exchange Street and Broadway be required, without further notice to construct Sidewalks in front of their respective lots or grounds, previous to the first day of July 1855, of sand or earth, covered with good gravel or fine pounded stone, at least three inches in thickness — The width of said sidewalks to be ten feet on the top, and the height subject to the direction of the Supervisor of Sidewalks, and if the said owners or holders, or any of them, shall neglect or refuse to make such sidewalks within the time specified above, said supervisors shall immediately proceed to cause the same to be done at the expense of such individuals respectively —

Ordered, that sealed proposals be received at the Mayor's Office in this city, in care of the City Clerk, at any time previous to the first day of April 1855, for the building or construction of a good substantial and workmanlike fence, around and on the outside lines of "Franklin Square" in the Chicago or Lower addition, and also in the same manner around the public square in Spencer and Cass's Addition, for each of said squares in separate bids, including all the materials necessary for the same — to be constructed as follows -

Said fence or fences to be made of posts & boards The posts to be of good oak timber seven feet long and five inches square at the foot and five by two and one half inches at the top and to be set two feet and six inches in the ground and eight feet apart - The boards to be of sound pine, six inches wide, and five boards high, with caps and facings nailed on the posts - The bids for each square to be made and designated separately - One half the compensation for said contracts will be paid in cash on the completion of the same respectively and the remainder in treasury orders payable in six months at six per cent interest

The following Ordinance was presented, read and unanimously adopted —

An Ordinance, in addition to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance regulating the Police of the City of Rock Island"

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island -

That from and after the publication of this ordinance, no person shall tie or otherwise confine or fasten any horse or other animal or cause the same to be done, to any lamp post belonging to said City, or in any manner handle roughly, break or injure the lanterns or lamps connected therewith, or light or extinguish the same unleſs specially authorized so to do by the Mayor or City Council - And any person so offending shall forfeit and pay for the use of said City a sum not leſs than one dollar nor more than fifty dollars and costs, for each and every offence -

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, that ordinance numbered forty five entitled an Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance regulating the Police of the City of Rock Island, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that all violations of said Ordinance are hereby declared void, and the Police Magistrate is hereby directed not to prosecute the same

Council adjourned

Approved, Ben Harper,
Mayor

Cornelius Lynde
Clerk

Special Meeting March 28th 1855

Met by order of the Mayor

Present, full Board

On motion, Voted that his Honor, the Mayor, Aldermen Copp and Vandant, be a Committee to confer with the Trustees of the Methodist Society in relation to the future occupancy of the Public Square between Jefferson and Madison streets, with full power to make and ratify any arrangements relating thereto which they may deem just and equitable, and also to consult and employ counsel - commence suit or suits and take any other legal measures to maintain the rights of the City in and to said square or common —

Ordered,

That the Clerk of this board be empowered to give permits to applicants for the purpose of stacking and selling coal on the Levee in front of Blocks two and three in Spencer & Cases Addition in number not exceeding two in each and either block, and in size not more than fifty feet on Water Street, and thirty feet towards the river, in one permit — each applicant paying eight dollars per month in advance, for the use of the ground designated in his said permit — Provided, that the occupation of such grounds shall not impede or obstruct any improvements upon said Levee which the city may order to be made during the time specified in such permit — and no permit shall be issued by the Clerk, as aforesaid, to extend beyond the 1st day of April 1856

Ordered, that Messrs J. H. Langley & Co be permitted to moor their Wharf-Boat immediately in front of their Ware-house for the term of one year from the first day of April 1855, for the sum of fifty dollars, payable in advance – Provided that all goods that other parties may wish to ship through said wharf-boat, on board of, or to receive from, Steam-boats, may be shipped or discharged through the same, free of charge to such parties, and that the City Council shall have power to charge wharfage to Steam-boats, for landing against said wharf-boat ——

Ordered that the City Clerk be directed to ascertain the amount of costs, which are due the City from the Estate of the late John Wilson, accrued in a suit between the City and said Wilson, and, as soon as practicable, collect the same

Ordered, That the City Marshal be instructed to negociate with the new keeper of the County Jail, in relation to fees for the receiving and keeping City Prisoners.

Adjourned –

Ben Harper, Mayor

Cornelius Lynde Clerk

City Council, Special Meeting April 5th 1855

Present, His Honor, the Mayor, Aldermen Albert, Kale, Smith and Van Sant, and Bean.

The resignation of C. Lynde Sen. Clerk, Assessor and Supervisor of Sidewalks, was presented, read and accepted –

The following bills were allowed –

No 772 $ 187.50	To Cornelius Lynde Sen. for services as Clerk and Supervisor of Side walks 4½ months – – – –	187.50
No 770 $44.44	" Joseph Johnston for expenses and services, ~~in~~ putting down Ring-bolts &c. on Levee, as pr vouchers on file	44.44
No 773 $ 6.65	" E. Morey, Jail fees to this date – – – –	6,65
No 771. $5.50	" C. Lynde Sen. for Cash paid for coal and P. O. Stamps	5,50

The Petitions of J. S. Deingaldine, for Beer License, for one year from and after March 14. 1855 – of John Steibach, for one year from April 2d. 1855, and George Fleming, for one year from March 14th 1855, were presented and discussed – Alderman Kale moved that the prayer of said petitions be granted – Ald. Bean proposed an amendment, limiting the term of time for each of said Licenses so as not to extend them beyond the first day of July. 1855. The amendment not being seconded, Ald. Bean called for the yeas & nays upon the original motion which resulted as follows – Yeas, Ald. Albert, Kale and Smith – Nays. Ald. Bean and Van Sant – So the motion was carried –

Voted to accept the proposals of John L. Bean for building a fence around "Franklin Square, as per specifications, for $2.50 for every sixteen feet of fence, including two flights of steps, to be constructed by the first day of May – Voted to appropriate $500.00 to be expended under the superintendence of His Honor, the Mayor on the City Levee, commencing at the ferry landing and extending therefrom up the river – The following Ordinance was unanimously adopted –

An Ordinance relation to the public Landing and Wharfage

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island,

That from and after the publication of this ordinance, the Master of each and every Steam boat, landing at or on the Public Levee of the City of Rock Island (excepting ferry boats regularly plying between the City of Rock Island and State of Illinois and the City of Davenport in the State of Iowa) shall be required to pay to the Harbor Master duly appointed by the City Council, on demand, as wharfage the sum of one Dollar, for the use and benefit of said City, for each landing so made either in ascending or descending the Miſsiſsippi River —

Sec 2. Be it further ordained, That the Harbor-master shall enter in a book kept for the purpose, all monies received by virtue of this ordinance, the names of persons or boats from whom the same is received, the specific amount received from each and for what so received, and shall account to the city council at their stated monthly meetings, for the same — The amount accruing to the City shall immediately be paid into the treasury by the Harbor-master and the Treasurer's receipt filed with the City clerk —

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained,

That if any person shall deface or any way injure, any post, ring or any appurtenance to the public landing, or do any act tending, in any wise to the injury of the public landing, he shall forfeit and pay for the use of said city the sum of five Dollars for every such offence, and all the expenses of repairing or replacing the thing injured —

Sec 4. Be it further ordained, That whenever the Harbor-master shall, by any means, be unable to collect any fines, forfeiture, penalty, cost, charge or expense accruing under this ordinance, on demand from the boat or other property herein specified, he shall notify the Police Magistrate thereof, and cause a suit to be instituted forthwith, against any person liable therefor and nothing herein contained shall prevent the Harbor Master from giving testimony in any such action whenever the same may be necessary

Approved,

Ben Harper, Mayor

Voted to appoint Joseph Johnston as Harbor Master for the present and until the city council shall make a permanent appointment —

Council adjourned —

Ben Harper, Mayor

Cornelius Lynde,
Clerk Pro. tem.

City Council Regular Meeting April 16th 1855

Present the Mayor, Alderman Albert, Kale, Copp, Smith, Bean, and Vansant.

On motion Alex F Swander was appointed Clerk protem, dating from the 7th day of april, and untill a Clerk is elected and qualified.

A petition of the owners of property on Rock River, Orleans and Illinois streets was presented, praying Council to pass an ordinance to establish the width of side walks in said streets below Elk street, at 12 feet, On motion, the petition was laid on the table.

Alderman Copp, on behalf of the Committee who were appointed at the last meeting of the board for the purpose of Confering with the Methodist society relative to the future occupancy of the square between Jefferson and Madison streets, made the following report to wit: The Committee on the part of the City, have agreed to pay the Methodist society $2500, as follows: $500 on the execution of deeds, $1000 on the 15th day of September 1855, and $1000, on the 16th day of April 1856.

In Consideration of which the methodist society through their agents John W Spencer and J L Robinson and John W Spencer for himself, agree to quit claim all of their right title and interest in and to said square to the City of Rock Island, possession to be given immediately, provided that the Methodist society may have one year to remove their building therefrom.

On Motion the report was accepted,

On Motion of Alderman Bean, the yeas and nays was called for upon the adoption of the report of the Committee,

Yeas, Alderman Albert, Hale, Copp, Smith and Ransant, Nays Alderman Bean,

The report of the Committee was adopted.

No 779 $500 On Motion it was ordered that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for five hundred dollars to make the first payment on the above Contract, and that one order for One thousand dollars payable on the 15th day of September 1855, And one order for One thousand dollars payable on the 16th day of April 1856, be drawn for the purpose of paying the same to the Methodist Society as per Contract,

On motion, it was ordered that the Mayor be instructed to sell $2500 of Railroad stocks and pay the interest on City bonds in New York.

No 777 $150 On Motion, The Mayor was ordered to draw on the treasurer for $150 of the appropriation made last meeting of the board, for the purpose of paying current expenses on the Levee.

On Motion, proceeded to elect a City Engineer, whereupon Henry Curtis was duly elected.

On Motion, proceeded to elect a City Assessor, Whereupon A F Cutter was duly elected,

On Motion, proceeded to elect a City Clerk. Whereupon E W Swan, was duly elected.

On Motion proceeded to elect a Harbor Master, Whereupon Joseph Johnson was duly elected, and 10 per cent allowed him for collecting Wharfage,

Proposals were received for building fence around the church square, Whereupon the Mayor was ordered to make such Contract as he may deem proper

On Motion, Ordered that hereafter no person shall have a license to keep a brokers, pawn-brokers or money changers office, within the City limits without paying therefor the sum of One hundred dollars per annum,

On Motion, Ordered that Alex F Sevander be allowed fifty dollars as part pay for services rendered the City as Police Magistrate, Ordered, that John Deere, be allowed the sum of $20. for plough, as per bill on file,

No 776 $37.33 Ordered, that Jos H. Barnett, be allowed $37.33 for services as deputy Marshall, as per bill on file,

No 775 $13.00 Ordered, that P. S. Albert, be allowed $13.00 for lighting lamps and getting plough from Moline, as per bill on file.

No 774 $34.00 Ordered that, P S Albert be allowed $34.00 for removing Obstructions in front of gas-house, bill on file

Ordered that, a license be granted to Cook & Seymour, to sell goods at auction, for ten months from this date.

Ordered that, a license be granted to Michael McCann to sell beer for one year from the 1st day of April 1855.
Yeas. Copp. Albert, Hale and Smith.
Nays Vansant and Bean.

Ordered, that a license be granted to Jacob Goldsmith to keep a Grocery for One Year from the 1st day of April 1855
Yeas. Copp. Albert. Hale and Smith, Nays. Vansant & Bean.

Ordered, that Jos Johnson, Marshall, be and hereby is appointed to demand any and all money due from any person or persons to the City of Rock Island, and receive and receipt for the same, Ordered that a license be granted to M Zimmer to sell beer for one year from the 1st day of April 1855.

Yeas. Copp. Albert. Kale, and Smith,

Nays. Bean. and Durrant,

Adjourned,

Approved

Alex F Swander Clerk pro-tem. Benj Harper Mayor

City Council – Special Meeting May 1st 1855

Present, full board.

His Honor the Mayor, explained the object of calling the meeting to be, to take into consideration the expediency of establishing some regulations regarding the health of the City.

Whereupon, on Motion

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to act with his honor the mayor and negociate with parties for the purchase of a suitable piece of ground whereupon to erect a Hospital; and report the same to the board at their next meeting. When the following were appointed, Ald. Kale and Albert.

No 788 $200.00 On Motion, the Mayor was ordered to draw on the Treasurer for $200. of the appropriation (made at a meeting in March) for the purpose of paying current expences on the levee.

No 787 $10.00 On Motion, it was ordered that an appropriation of $10. be made to G. T. Taylor for his engineering services on the levee

Ordered that the following bills be allowed, as pr bills on file,

No 786 $15.20	Messrs Graham & Co for glass for lanthorns $15.20
" 782 $27.50	P. S. Albert for work done in the public square $27.50
" 783 $5.10	P. S. Albert for repairing lamps & finding Oil $5.10
785. $5.75	Benj Harper, Mayor, for despatches to and from A. C. Flagg Treasurer of C. & R. I. R. R. C in N. Y. in reference to dividends due the City of Rock Island) $5.75

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Ordered that A. F. Swander be allowed $24.65 for services while acting as Clerk pro tem.

A petition of the owners of property in Illinois, Orleans and Rock River Streets, west of Elk Street, was presented, praying council to pass an ordinance to establish the width of side walks in said streets at twelve feet. On Motion, the prayer of the petitioners was duly granted, and the following Ordinance passed.

Ordinance

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island. That hereafter the sidewalks in front of all lots or parts of lots, situated on Illinois, Orleans & Rock River Sts (and west of Elk St) shall be made and constructed twelve feet in width, in lieu of ten feet, as heretofore.

Approved. Benj Harper Mayor

Ordinance

The following ordinance was presented, read, and unanimously adopted.

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Rock Island.

That from and after the publication of this Ordinance, no person or persons shall leave or cause to be left within one mile of the limits of said city, any carrion carcass of any horse, cow, or other offensive matter.

Sec 2. Be it further ordained. That any person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for the use of said city, a sum not less than one or more than ten dollars, for every such offence. Approved

Benj Harper. Mayor.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report to the city council of the city of Rock Island.

"Gents:—

"Gent:— ~~I forwarded to A. C. Flagg, of the City of N. York~~

In compliance with your instructions of the 16th ult. I forwarded to A. C. Flagg, of the City of N. York $2.500 of the interest stock of the C. & R. I. R. R. Co to be sold by him to meet the accruing interest on the city railroad bonds, due May 1, 1855. I have since been advised by Mr Flagg, that he has received ~~the City stock~~ the sum of $2.100 dividend upon the city stock, and I have requested him to pay the interest on the stock, and inform me of the amount of the balance in his hands, authorising me to to draw on him for the same.

Respectfully submitted
Benj. Harper. Mayor.

On Motion adjourned to May 2nd 1855 at 7 O'clock P. M.

Benj Harper. Mayor.

E. W. Swann, City Clerk.

City Council Adjourned Meeting May 2nd 1855

Present, His Honor the Mayor; Aldn Smith, Copp & Albert.

The meeting having been called to order, His Honor the Mayor, presented the following Report,

To the City Council of the City of Rock Island.—

Your committee, appointed to negociate with various parties for the selection of a suitable site, whereon to erect a City Hospital, beg leave to report;: That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and after making such examinations and enquires as we judged the nature of the case required have become convinced that it would be for the interest of the city to purchase an acre of ground now owned by Col G. B Danforth. Jr lying south of land now occupied by Holmes Hakes, Esqr. as a nursery, which Col Danforth proposes to sell for the sum of $1000. one half on the execution and delivery of a valid deed of the same, and the remainder in six months thereafter and ten pr cent interest.

Benj Harper, for Committee

Rock Island May 2. 1855

On motion, it was ordered that the Mayor draw on the treasurer for the above amounts.

On motion, Resolved, That the same committee, consisting of His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Hale & Albert, be and are hereby appointed to recieve plans - specifications and sealed proposals, for the building of a hospital; (the cost of which is not to exceed $1500.) and let the same in contract to the lowest responsible party or parties, the said party or parties giving approved security for the completion of the same in a given time, by said committee

Adjourned,

Benj Harper. Mayor

O. W. Swann City Clerk.

Approved

City Council Special Meeting May 14th 1855

Present, His Honor the Mayor, Ald. Copp. Kale, Smith, Albert & Vansant.

His Honor the Mayor in behalf of the committee ~~of the Council, to~~ appointed at the last meeting of the Council, to receive plans, specifications and sealed proposals, and let the contract for the building of a Hospital, beg leave to submit the following, viz: That they have (under some difficulty) selected and purchased a piece of land of Jos^h Conway located at Sandy Ford, containing four acres, for which they have agreed to pay $200 per acre. Your Committee think it a suitable point, but rather further from the Steam Boat landing and Railroad depot than is desirable, yet as near as Citizens are willing to have the building located to their residences. Your committee solicited proposals for the erection and completion of the building, according to plans received from Physicians, and also several bids for the contract, all of which bids exceed the amount appropriated for said purpose from $600 to $1000. Your committee being now satisfied that a building such as is desired, could not be finished in time to answer the purpose the present season, without an expenditure of at least 50 per cent more than it would require to have proper time for said erection & completion, and then not so substantial when done. Your committee would advise for the present season, the building of a temporary house of rough material, at a cost of $300 or $400 which could be finished in ten days, the material of which would answer a usefull purpose hereafter in the construction of the Hospital Building.

On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

The following petitions were presented.

A Petition of the owners of property in the vicinity of Highland Street was presented, praying council to pass an ordinance for the opening and extension eastward of Highland street from its present eastern termination, so as to form an intersection with Broadway. A. Petition of the owners of property in the vicinity of Ohio and Exchange streets, and Block 37 in the Chicago or lower addition to the City of Rock Island was presented, praying council to pass an ordinance for the opening of a street to be called "Ridge Street" forty feet in width. to run easterly and westerly through the centre of Block 37.

When, on motion it was resolved that the clerk give notice of the presentation ~~No 792 $50.~~ of the said petitions in the Daily Republican, ten days, for the establishing, extending and opening of said streets, and that the said petitions will be considered and acted upon by the City Council at their next meeting after the same has been duly published ten days. if there is not good cause shown in said time why said petition should not be granted.

A. Petition of Capt. Glein as Agt for the R. I. & Galena Packet Company, praying for a privilege to use forty feet of land on the levee, running westerly from Jefferson Street in the city of Rock Island, for the purpose of a coal depot for steamers. Whereupon the Mayor was ordered to make such arrangements as he thought advisable.

C. B. Kruse's bill for burying paupers was presented and on motion laid on the table.

No 792 $50. Ordered that J. D. Carmichael, Supervisor of Adams Street draw on the Treasurer for $50. out of the appropriation made for said street in January.

" 790. $150.00 Ordered that the Mayor draw on the Treasurer for the balance of the appropriation made in March, viz: $150. for the purpose of paying current expenses on the levee.

On Motion, Voted a further appropriation of $250. to be expended on the city levee by his Honor the Mayor.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed.:

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No 789 $42.52 Rock Island Gaſs Light and Coke Co, for use of of Gas two Mo $ 42.52

" 791 $225.00 Wilson & Williams for building fence around Public square. $225.00

An ordinance to amend ordinance No 17, entitled
"An ordinance in relation to revenue."

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island. That an aſseſsment of the real estate within the limits of said city, and all personal property of the inhabitants thereof, shall be made by the aſseſsor in pursuance of the ordinance of the city in such case made and provided and be returned to the city clerk on or before the 15th day of July next, for the purpose of taxation for the present fiscal year.

Sec 2. That in making out the lists of said aſseſsment, the city aſseſsor shall be required to describe the real estate aſseſsed by the number of the lot and block only in case the same is laid off and recorded in that manner, and where the same is not recorded, the said real estate may be described in any other manner that may designate with reasonable certainty.

Sec 3 For the purpose of estimating the value of personal property for taxation, the aſseſsor may demand of any and all persons residing within the city a list of their personal property and of its value in writing, and in case such statement shall not be satisfactory to the aſseſsor he shall request such persons to make oath to the same before the police magistrate or some other officer duly authorised to administ oaths, and any person who shall within two days after being requested by the aſseſsor so to do, fail to furnish to the aſseſsor the list aforesaid, or who shall fail or refuse to make oath to the list that may be furnished as aforesaid, when when requested by the aſseſsor, shall forfeit and pay to the City of Rock Island a sum not leſs than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered by action before the police magistrate of the City in like manner as other penalties and in case of refusal as aforesaid the aſseſsor shall be governed in his aſseſsment by the best information he can obtain.

Sec 4 Upon the return of said aſseſsment the city council shall, as soon as practicable determine upon and fix the rate of taxation to be levied and collected upon the aſseſsed value of the property aſseſsed, and returned by the city aſseſsor as aforesaid; and shall thereupon direct the collection thereof in such manner as is now, or may hereafter be provided by the ordinance of said city.

So much of the ordinance to which this is an amendment as required the aſseſsor to carry out on his aſseſsment list the amount of taxes and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Approved   Benj Harper, Mayor

E. W. Swann, Clerk.

Paſsed May 16th 1855

City Council – Regular Meeting

May 21st 1855

Present. His Honor the Mayor, Ald. Hale, Albert, Smith & Vansant.

The proceedings of last meeting were called for, read and adopted.

The petition of Erastus Downey was presented, praying council for a license to keep a Grocery, (to sell liquors at wholesale or retail, on block one and lot eight, in the original town of Rock Island, for one year from this date.

On Motion, the petition was granted. Yeas. – Ald Albert, Hale & Smith. Nays. – Vansant.

On motion —

On Motion, Ordered that the transfer of a grocery license from Josh Lutz to Fredk Heish, be and is hereby legalized, the said Fredk Haish entering into bonds to the satisfaction of the City Council.
For transfer. Albert, Kale & Smith, Against transfer Vansant.

On motion ordered, that the supervisors of side walks in their respective wards, be and are hereby made supervisors of Streets in said wards also.

On motion the following bills were allowed.

	Messrs Bailey & Boyle for wheelbarrows & Oak plank	$ 12.00
No 798 $11.05	A. A. McKee for picks & Shovels —	11.05
No 800. $52.77	N. B Buford for rent of Office. from Nov 13th 54 to May 30, 55	52.77
„ 797. $ 10.45	„ Adams & Trudeau for Smith Work.	10.45
No 793 $13.00	P. S. Albert for lighting lamps one month	12.00
	P. S. Albert for cash pd. for ferryage	1.00
No 799 $ 33.88	E. P. Curtis, City Engineer, for engineering services, and setting grade stakes for trees in public square, and several streets as named in bill —	33.88
796. $ 4.10	M. C. Wilson, for handling picks, hammers, &c	4.10
794 $ 45.30	J. H Barnett for services as policeman from the 16th of April, to 21st of May	45.30

On Motion.

Voted an appropriation of $500. to be expended on the city Levee by his honor the Mayor.
On motion the Mayor was ordered to draw on the treasurer for $750. of monies appropriated for the purpose of paying current expences on the Levee.

On Motion —

On Motion, Ordered that J. D. Carmichael draw on the treasurer for the balance of the appropriation made in March for Adams Street, viz $50.

Approved

E. W. Swann
Clerk.

Benj Harper
Mayor.

City Council Regular Meeting June 18th 1855

Present — full board.

The proceedings of last meeting were called for, read and adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, in behalf of the committee appointed to select and purchase a suitable piece of ground whereupon to erect a Hospital for the present season, and put the same under contract, report as follows viz: That they have purchased four Acres of ground of Josh Conway, situate at Sandy Ford, at $200. per Acre, one half to be paid on the execution and delivery of a valid deed for the same, and the remainder in 5 months from this date, with six per cent interest. Your committee also report that they contracted with Jame Warick for the building and completion of a Hospital, and that the said building is now completed, the size of which is 25 by 47 feet and 12 feet high, the cost of which is $467.09.

Respectfully submitted
Benj. Harper Mayor
Aldn Kale & Albert } Com.

On Motion, the report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor draw on the Treasurer for $400 to apply to the first payment on lot of ground purchased of Josh Conway.

On motion, Ordered, That the Mayor draw on the Treasurer at five months from this date for the remaining $400 which will then be due Josh Conway, with six per cent. interest thereon from this 18th day of June 1855, to apply to the payment in full of said lot.

On motion, Ordered, That the Mayor draw on the Treasurer for $400 the same to be applied for the arrest and delivery of David Stoddard, by Peter Burtnett the said amount to be paid on the conviction of Stoddard, provided that Peter Burtnett give satisfactory security to the city against all other parties claiming the same reward.

On motion, voted an appropriation of $128.38. to be expended in filling & grading that portion of Elk street lying between Illinois and Water Streets.

On motion, the following bills were allowed. Viz:

Rock Island gaslight and Coke Co, for the use of Gas One Mos to 1st June	34. 30
P. S. Albert for work done on Elk Street.	128. 38
P. S. Albert " lighting lamps & finding Oil one Mo.	13. 00
A. F. Cutter " work in front of Ch. on public square	14. 00
H. A. Porter & Bro " One Ordinance book	4. 00
Thos Plummer " use of buggy and team for Hospital Committee	1. 50

Josh Barnett for one months services as policeman	$40.00
James Warrick for building Hospital & material for same	467.09
I & M. Telegraph Co. for despatch to New York for city	2.25
O. M Beardsley, for jail fees &c –	37.20
E. W. Swann, for book, paper and moving Office	5.30
E. W. Swann " One months services as clerk	41.66
Wilson & Williams, on account for fencing in Franklin Square	35.00

On motion, Ordered, That the Mayor draw on the Treasurer at five months from this date for the remaining $85. with interest at six per cent, which will then be due Wilson & Williams, and apply the same in full for the fencing in Franklin Square.

On motion, proceeded to elect an Attorney for the City of Rock Island, for one year from the 25th day of June 1855, Whereupon Ira O Wilkinson was duly elected.
On motion, by request of the Market House Committee, the same were duly discharged.

On Motion, Ordered, That a committee of two be appointed to act, with His Honor, the Mayor, to examine and locate a piece of ground, not to exceed ten Acres, in a suitable place for a potters field, the said committee not to be limited to any particular locality within a reasonable distance from of the City of Rock Island, and report the same at the next regular meeting. Committee Appointed. Ald, Vansant & Smith.
On Motion, Ordered. That J. J. Beardsley be allowed the sum of $50. to defray expences in procuring evidence in the case of the City of Rock Island against L. M. Webber and Mr Frizzell.

On motion adjourned, to meet Monday next at 9 Oclock. A. M.

Benj Harper Mayor

E. W. Swann Clerk.

approved

City Council Adjourned Meeting Monday June 25/55

Present

His honor the Mayor Ald^n Smith & Vansant. by agreement adjourned to Tuesday Morning June 26/55. ~~A. M.~~

Tuesday June 26 th 9. Oclock. approved

adjourned meeting –

Present full board.

The reading of the proceedings of the last meeting called for read and adopted.

Ordered, That Abram Van Camp have a regular auctioneer license to sell within the limits of the City of Rock Island for one year from this date by paying into the Treasury the sum of $50. for the same.

The petition of the property holders on Illinois, Swan and Ohio Streets praying council to have erected five additional lamp posts in the lower part of the city to wit: Two at the diagonal corners of Swan & Illinois Street and two at the diagonal corners of Ohio & Illinois Streets, and one at the corner of ~~Otta~~ Otter & Mississippi, was presented, and after some debate a motion being had the petition was rejected, and on motion, Ordered that four lamp posts be erected at the following named corners viz: Two at the diagonal corners of Swan & Illinois, and two at the diagonal corners of Ohio & Illinois Streets.

A petition of the property holders on Illinois Street, between Washington & and Buffalo Streets was presented, praying council to have the said street thoroughly macadamized within the above named described limits as soon as practicable when upon consideration and agreement of the said petitioners defraying all the expenses of macadamizing the same, each in proportion to the several feet owned by them, on motion Ordered the said work be done under the superintendance of his Honor the Mayor, On Motion, Ordered that the proposition of the Rock Island Gas Light Company for lighting lamps &c for one year, was laid over till next regular meeting. Adjourned to 1 O.clock P. M.

1 O.clock, and 2 O.clock. P. M.

Present full board.

On motion, Ordered that the Mayor be and is hereby authorised to purchase a lot of ground known as the Boston Market for the use and benefit of the City of Rock Island for public purposes. the price not to exceed $2000.

On Motion, Ordered. that a committee of two be appointed to ascertain at what price that piece of ground can be purchased for, lying in the point between Eagle & Buffalo Streets and South of Rock river street, and report the same at our next meeting.

Committee Appd. Aldn. Copp & Bean.

On Motion, Ordered, that the fine imposed in a suit wherein the city of Rock Island was plaintiff and Jacob Goldsmith was defendant. be, and the same is hereby remitted, upon defendant paying all costs in said suit.

On Motion, Ordered, that the Mayor direct the removal of the lamp posts now situated in front of the Rock Island Bank, and in front of Doct Buckleys to their respective places.

On motion, Ordered, that a committee of one be appointed with his Honor the Mayor to purchase such furniture &c. as they may deem necessary for the Hospital for the present season. — Ald. Copp Committee.

On Motion, Ordered, that the owners of property on Illinois, Orleans, and Rock River streets, between Elk & Exchange Streets. have until the 1st day of August. to grade their respective sidewalks, in lieu of an order heretofore passed.

On Motion, Ordered, that the owners of lots, or parts of lots. fronting on either side of Orleans Street, between Washington & Adams Streets, be required without further notice, to construct sidewalks in front of each of said lots, or parts of lots. on the present grade of said street, as established by the City Council, to be completed by the 1st day of August next, to be made of sand or earth, with a covering of

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good gravel or fine pounded stone, not less than three inches thick.

On Motion, the following bills were allowed

Ben Harper for quarrying stone in Dock St for Illinois St improvement	46.	50
Sargent & Bollman for Smith Work	60	59
J. W. Vansant. for lumber & hauling	5	05
S. S. Guyer for making abstract to city lots	10	00
J. M. Moore for crowbars, picks and shovels	18	43
Jos^h Johnston for killing dogs	3	75
J. D. Carmichael for pick handles	1	40
J. S. Gilmore & Co " powder & safety fuse	26	00
Adams & Co " smith work	15	59
E. W. Swann for one Mo services as clerk to June 25th	41	66

On Motion the following named Ordinances were read & adopted viz:

"An Ordinance regulating the police of the City, and prescribing their duties,"

"An Ordinance concerning offenses in the nature of misdemeanors

"An Ordinance amendatory of, and in addition to an Ordinance providing for the recovery and appropriation of fines, and the enforcement of penalties."

On Motion adjourned

Ben Harper Mayor

E. W. Swann Clerk

June 26th 1855. — approved. —

An Ordinance Regulating the Police of the City, and prescribing their duties.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island.

Sec. 1. That the Mayor and Aldermen, the city Marshal and his deputies, and the watchmen of said city shall constitute the police thereof; and upon them respectively is imposed the duty of enforcing all the ordinances of the city relative to the preserving of the peace, good order and quiet thereof, and of prosecuting all violations of the laws of the city.

Sec. 2. The Mayor shall superintend and direct the police generally; see that the various police officers are prompt in the discharge of their duties; and from time to time take such measures as he may deem expedient for the preservation of the peace and good order of the city, and the prompt execution of the laws and ordinance in the city.

Sec. 3. The Aldermen shall be conservators of the peace, and as such are required to cooperate with the Mayor in preserving the peace, and enforcing the due observance of the ordinances, and the Mayor or any Alderman, shall have power to arrest, or cause to be arrested and taken before the proper court or magistrate, with or without process, all persons in the city who shall be found in the act of committing, or who may be reasonably suspected of having committed, any crime or misdemeanor, or of having violated any ordinance of the city for the preservation of the peace, and good order thereof; and also all persons who shall threaten to break the peace, or shall use threats against any person, concerning his or her person or property, and also any and all such person or persons, as are not of good fame; and shall have power to detain or order the detention of such persons in custody over night, and over Sabbath, and until they can be duly examined by or tried before the proper Court or Magistrate.

Sec 4 —

Sec. 4. The Marshal shall be the acting chief of police, and the Watchmen shall be in subordination to him, except in cases otherwise provided for by ordinance. It shall be his duty to cause the public peace to be preserved, and to see that all the laws and ordinances are enforced; and whenever any violation thereof, shall come to his knowledge or be reported to him, he shall cause the requisite complaint to be made and see that the evidence is procured for the successful prosecution of the offender or offenders. — He shall obey and cause the police officers under him to obey all laws and ordinances regulating the police, and see that they perform their duties promptly and faithfully.

Sec. 5. The City Council may, upon the application of the Marshal, and whenever they shall deem it neceſsary, appoint any suitable person (or persons not exceeding two) to be deputy Marshals, who shall have power to serve and return for and in the name of the Marshal all proceſs that may be iſsued and directed to the Marshal, and shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of Marshal that shall be required of him or them by the Marshal, or Mayor; and who shall also perform all such duties as may be required of him or them, by this or any other ordinance or law of the city.

Sec. 6. The City Council, shall from time to time upon the recommendation of the Mayor, appoint suitable persons, and as many as may be deemed neceſsary to be Watchmen; who as also the person or persons appointed to the office of deputy Marshal, shall exercise all the powers, perform all the duties, and be liable to all penalties and disabilities that are or may be from time to time prescribed for or concerning policemen; and every person so appointed to the office of Watchman or deputy Marshal shall continue in office during the pleasure of the City Council, subject however, to be removed by the Mayor (who is hereby authorized for the purpose) for good cause in his discretion.

Sec. 7. The Marshal and deputy Marshals, and the several Watchmen, as police officers, shall devote their time and attention to the discharge of the duties of their stations according to the laws, and ordinances for the regulation of the police, and it shall be their duty to the best of their ability to preserve order, peace and quiet, and enforce the laws and ordinances throughout the city. They shall have power to arrest with or without proceſs all persons in the city found in the act of committing, or who may be reasonably suspected of having committed any crime or misdemeanor, or of having violated or aided and abetted in the violation of any ordinance of the city for the preservation of the peace and good order thereof; and also all persons who shall threaten to break the peace or shall use threats against any person concerning his or her person or property, and also any and all such person or persons as are not of good fame; and shall detain in custody all such persons so arrested for examination before the proper court or Magistrate, and for that purpose may detain them in custody over night, and over Sabbath when neceſsary. They shall also have power and authority in the city to serve and execute all warrants, and other proceſs for the apprehension or commitment of persons charged with, or held for examination or trial, or taken in execution for the commiſsion of any crime or misdemeanor, or violation of any law or ordinance of the city; and while executing or serving or aſsisting in the execution of a service of any such warrant or proceſs, shall be vested with all the powers and authority conferred on constables at common law and by the laws of this state.

Sec. 8. The Marshal, deputy Marshals and Watchmen respectively shall have power and authority, in a peaceable manner, or if refused admittance after demand made, with force, to enter into any house, store, shop, grocery, or other building whatever in the city, in which any person or persons may reasonably be suspected to be for any unlawful purposes, and if any person or persons shall be found therein guilty of any crime or misdemeanor, or violation of any ordinance for the preservation of the peace and good order of the city, or who may reasonably be suspected thereof, or who shall be aiding and abetting such person or persons so found; said police officer or officers shall apprehend and keep in custody such person or persons, as in case of other arrests made by police officers.

Sec. 9. The Marshal is hereby required to keep an office a place of business in some central location, where he shall attend at all reasonable hours, unless absent on duty. He shall require all other police officers, at such times an in such numbers as he may designate, to attend at his office, or such rendezvous as he may appoint, and shall put them upon such duty as the exciting emergency may require, subject to the direction of the Mayor or of the City Council.

Sec. 10. The Watchmen shall each have an office or place of business in his ward or district, where he may be found at all reasonable hours, unless absent on duty; and shall have such office or place of business designated by an appropriate sign with his name, and the word "Policeman" painted thereon.

The several Watchmen and deputy Marshals shall report themselves for duty at the office or rendezvous appointed by the Marshal at such times as he shall direct, and render him prompt and energetic assistance in the execution of his duties, and shall devote their time and attention to the preservation of the peace, quiet, and good order of the city, and especially in the respective Wards and districts to which they may be assigned.

Sec. 11. Any police officer who shall neglect or refuse to perform any duty required of him by any law or ordinance of the city, or who shall, in his discharge of his official duties, be guilty of any fraud, extortion, oppression, favoritism, partiality or wilful wrong or injustice, shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence.

Sec. 12. Whoever in the city shall resist any police officer or other member of the police department, in the discharge of his duty, or shall in any way interfere with, or hinder, or prevent him from discharging his duty as such officer or member, or shall offer or endeavor so to do.— and whoever shall in any ~~way~~ manner assist any person in custody of any police officer or member of the police department to escape, or attempt to escape from such custody, shall be fined not less than three nor more than one hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court or magistrate before whom a conviction may be obtained.

Sec 13. It shall be the duty of all persons in the city, when called upon by any police officer or other member of the police department, to promptly aid and aſsist him in the execution of his duties. Whoever shall neglect or refuse to give such aid and aſsistance, shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court or magistrate convicting; and if the person offending be a licensed hackman, cabman or drayman, or the driver of any licensed hackney coach, cab, omnibus, dray, wagon, or other vehicle, the court or magistrate convicting shall be authorised to give judgement that the license of the said person, or of the driver of the vehicle, be cancelled and revoked.

Sec 14. Any person who shall falsely represent any of the members of the police department of this city, or who shall maliciously, or with intent to deceive, use or imitate any of the signs, signals or devices adopted and used by them, shall be subject to be fined not leſs than three nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 15. Hackmen, coachmen, omnibus drivers, draymen, porters, runners and other persons, when at or about any railroad depot or station, or steamboat landing, or other public place in the city, shall obey the commands of the police officer or officers, who may be stationed or doing duty at or about such depots or stations or landings, or other place, for the preservation of order and enforcing the ordinances. Whoever shall refuse to obey the commands and directions of a police officer as aforesaid, shall be subject to be fined not exceeding twenty dollars.

Sec. 16. All ordinances or parts of ordinances for regulating the police which conflicts with the provisions hereof, are hereby repealed.

Paſsed June 26. 1855

Attest. E. W. Swann, Clerk.   Ben. Harper, Mayor

An Ordinance, concerning offences in the nature of misdemeanors.

Division First

Concerning offences against public morals and decency.

Be it Ordained by the city Council of the city of Rock Island.

Sec. 1. That if any person shall be found in a state of intoxication in any highway thoroughfare, or other public place within said city, he shall be subject to commitment for examination and on conviction shall be fined in a sum not leſs than one dollar nor exceeding twenty dollars.

Sec. 2. No person shall swim or bathe in the Miſsiſsippi river at any place between Exchange street and the railroad bridge, and within the limits of the city, between sunrise and one hour after sunset, being naked, or insufficiently clothed to prevent improper exposure of his person, nor at any other place in said river, within the limits of said city, and between the hours aforesaid to the annoyance of any family. Any violation hereof shall subject the offender to a fine of not leſs than one dollar and not exceeding twenty dollars.

Sec. 3. If any person shall appear in a public place in a state of nudity, or in a dreſs not belonging to his or her sex, or in an indecent or lewd dreſs, or shall make any indecent exposure of his or person, or be guilty of any lewd or indecent act or behavior, or shall exhibit, sell or offer to sell any indecent or lewd book, picture or other thing; or shall exhibit or perform any indecent, immoral or lewd play or other representation, he shall be subject to a fine of not leſs than twenty dollars nor exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sec. 4. No person or persons shall indecently exhibit any stud horse, or let any such horse to any mare or mares within the limits of this city, unleſs in some enclosed place out of public view. Any person or persons guilty of so exhibiting any stud horse, or letting any such horse to any mare or mares, unleſs as aforesaid, shall on conviction, pay a sum not leſs than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every such offence.

Sec. 5. If any person shall be guilty of keeping or maintaining, or shall be an inmate of or in any way, connected with any disorderly house or house of ill fame, or place for the practice of fornication, or who shall knowingly own or be interested as proprietor or land lord of any such house, he or she shall on conviction, be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars nor leſs than ten dollars.

Sec. 6. If any person shall keep open any tippling house on the Sabbath day or night, or shall open any bar or place where intoxicating drinks are or may be kept; or shall sell or retail, any intoxicating drinks on the Sabbath day or night; or shall keep any gaming house, or any ill-governed or disorderly house, every such person on conviction shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars nor leſs than ten dollars.

Sec. 7. No person shall have, keep, or permit to be used, in any building or place within this city, used, occupied, or controlled by such persons, any E. O. table, Keno table, faro bank, shuffle board, bagatelle, playing cards, or any other instrument, device, or thing used for gambling, whereon, or with which money, liquor or other articles shall in any manner be played for, under a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor leſs than ten dollars.

Sec. 8. The Mayor or any Alderman, the city Marshal or any policeman of the city, may seize or direct to be seized, any instrument, device or thing used for the purpose of gambling, or by, on, or with which money or other articles of value may be lost or won, and all such instruments, devices or things may be demolished or destroyed under the direction of the Mayor. Any person obstructing, or resisting the Mayor, Alderman, City Marshal, or any city policeman in the performance of any act authorized by this or the following section, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sec. 9. If the owner or keeper of, or any person within any gambling house or room, any disorderly house or any house of ill fame within this city, shall refuse to permit the Mayor, any Alderman, the city Marshal, or any city policeman to enter the same, it shall be lawful for the Mayor or any Alderman to enter, or cause the same to be ~~done~~ entered by force, by breaking the doors or otherwise, and to arrest without warrant all suspicious persons found therein, And in case of the violation of any of the provisions of this or of the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth sections hereof, by persons licensed by the city for any purpose, or by the keeper of any house or place, such person shall, on conviction and in addition to the penalty above provided for any such violation, incur a forfeiture of his license, and which shall be entered as a part of the judgement in every such case.

Sec. 10. If any person shall inhumanly, unneceſsarily, or cruelly beat, injure or otherwise abuse, any dumb animal he shall be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars nor leſs than five dollars in any case.

Sec. 11. If any bitch shall be found running at large in heat, the owner thereof shall be subject to a fine of not leſs than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.

Division Second.

Concerning offences affecting public safety.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island.

Sec. 1. That no person shall within the limits of said city, fire or discharge any cannon, gun, fowling piece, pistol or fire arms of any description except in the performance of a public or lawful act of duty, or fire, explode or set off, any squib cracker or other thing containing powder or other combustible or explosive material, without permiſsion from the City Council, or written permiſsion from the Mayor: Which permiſsion shall limit the time of such firing, and shall be subject to be revoked by the Mayor or City Council at any time after it has been granted. Any violation hereof shall subject the party to a fine of not leſs than two dollars nor exceeding ten dollars.

Sec. 2. No person shall immoderately ride or drive any horse in any avenue, street alley or lane, within the limits of this city, under a penalty of not leſs than two dollars nor more than ten dollars, and it is hereby made the duty of every officer, and it shall be lawful for any citizen to stop any person who may be immoderately riding or driving as aforesaid.

Sec. 3. All scaffolds erected in this city for use, in the erection of stone, brick or other buildings shall be well and safely supported, and of sufficient width, and properly secured, so as to ensure the safety of persons working thereon or paſsing under or by the same, against the falling thereof, or of such material as may be used, placed, or deposited thereon. Any scaffold which may be otherwise erected shall be deemed a nuisance; and any person who shall erect or use, or cause to be erected or used, any scaffold to the provisions thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not leſs than five dollars, and not exceeding one hundred dollars, and to like fine for every day the same shall remain after notice to remove.

Sec. 4. No person shall raise or fly a kite in any part of any street, avenue or lane of this city, devoted to business or in which there shall be much traveling, under a penalty not to exceed ten dollars.

Sec. 5. No person shall throw or cast any stone or any other missile upon or at any building, tree or other public or private property, or upon or at any persons in the street, avenue, alley, lane or public place, or inclosed or uninclosed ground in this city, or aid or abet in the same, under a fine for each offence, of not less than one dollar nor more than twenty five dollars.

Sec 6 No person shall leave any horse mule or other animals attached to any carriage, wagon, cart, sleigh or sled, in any of the streets, avenues, alleys, or lanes of this city, without securely fastening such horse, mule or other animals, under a penalty for each offence of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.

Sec 8. Any person who shall use any sport or exercise likely to scare horses, injure passengers, or embarass the passage of vehicles, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Sec 9. In all cases of persons meeting each other in vehicles, in any highway or thoroughfare, or upon or near any bridge, each person so meeting shall in all cases turn off and go to the right side. Whoever shall violate this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than two dollars nor exceeding fifty dollars, provided nothing herein shall prevent the party injured by any collision from maintaining his action at law, and recovering damages against the wrong doer.

Sec 10. Any person who shall keep or leave open any cellar door, or grating of any vault on any highway or side walk, or suffer the same to be left or kept open, or who shall suffer any sidewalk in front of his premises to become or continue so broken as to endanger life or limb, shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding fifty dollars in every case.

Division Third

Concerning offences affecting public peace and quiet.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island.

Sec 1. Any person who shall make, aid countenance or assist, in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, or diversion in the streets or elsewhere within the city, and all persons who shall collect in bodies or crowds for unlawful purposes, or for any purpose, to the annoyance or disturbance of citizens or travelers, shall be severally subject to a fine not less than one dollar nor exceeding twenty five dollars.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall disquiet or disturb any congregation or assembly met for religious worship, by making a noise or by rude and indecent behavior, or profane discourse within their place of Worship, or so near the same as to disturb the order and solemnity of the meeting, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Sec. 3. Any person who shall wilfully give or make a false alarm of fire, or watch, or who shall use or employ any device, noise or performance, tending in either case to the collection of persons on the streets, sidewalks or other public places, to the obstruction of the same, for any purpose whatever, without permission of the Mayor in writing, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty five dollars.

Sec. 4. Any grocer, inn-keeper, or other person who shall keep any common ill-governed or disorderly house, or who shall suffer any person to play at cards or other game of chance in any public place on his premises, without betting, shall be subject to be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars nor less than ten dollars: and if licensed, shall be subject on conviction, to a forfeiture of his license, to be entered in every case as a part of the judgement.

Sec 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances which may in any manner conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed June 26. 1855 —

Ben. Harper. Mayor.

Attest: E. W. Swann. Clerk

An Ordinance amendatory of, and in addition to, an ordinance for the recovery and appropriation of fines and forfeitures.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island.

Sec 1. That whenever any complaint shall be made against any person or persons for violating any of the provisions of any ordinance of the city concerning offences in the nature of misdemeanors, it shall be the duty of the Magistrate or court, before whom such complaint is presented, to issue his warrant to the City Marshal for the apprehension of the offender or offenders, and made returnable forthwith, and upon the return thereof the said complaint shall be heard and tried as in other cases.

Sec 2. That hereafter it shall not be necessary in any action for the recovery of any fine, forfeiture or penalty for the breach of any ordinance of the city, that any written charge or statement shall be made or filed against the defendant in such action, or that any warrant, summons, or other process shall set forth and describe, particularly the title or the breach of the ordinance for which such action is brought, but it shall be sufficient, if such warrant, summons or other process shall pursue substantially the form required by law in other cases, before justices of the peace.

Sec. 3. In all cases arising under any ordinance of the city concerning offences in the nature of misdemeanors, the court or Magistrate before whom conviction may be had, shall make it a part of the judgement of conviction, that the defendant or defendants (on a failure or refusal to pay such judgement) be imprisoned in the county jail, for the period of twenty four hours for every one dollar and fifty cents of such judgement and costs.

Sec 4. Whenever any judgement shall be rendered in favor of the city against any person or persons for any penalty or fine for a breach of any ordinance of said city, and the defendant or defendants shall be committed to jail on such judgement, or on any capias ad satisfaciendum or execution against the body of the defendant or defendants in default of property for the payment of any such judgement, the Marshal shall, whenever in his judgement, the public interests may require, compel such persons to labor in on the streets, under the direction of the street commissioner, and at the same rate per day as may at the time be allowed by ordinance for a failure to perform street labor.

Sec. 5. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof, are hereby repealed.

Passed June 26 1855

Ben Harper. Mayor.

E. M. Swann Clerk.

City Council — Regular Meeting July 16th

Present. His Honor the Mayor

by agreement adjourned to the 23d of July. —

Adjourned meeting July 23d '55 —
Present Ald Bean, Albert, Copp. & Varnell. the Mayor being absent
Ald Bean was voted to the chair, on motion adjourned to July 30th 9 O'clock.

City Council Adjourned Meeting July 30th '55
Present. full board.

After the reading of the proceedings of the last meeting, His Honor the Mayor, submitted the following communication to the board of Aldermen which on motion was ordered to be placed on file:

Gentlemen. A few weeks since our city was infested with a set of burglars who committed depredations in various parts of the city, rendering not only the property of our citizens in danger but also their lives. In order to put a stop to this great evil I appointed and put on duty ten night Police officers, at a cost of $40. per month each; the said officers have been vigilant in discharging their duties, and the city has again become comparatively peaceable and quiet. In looking over the police docket I find the fines paid to the city, by parties arrested by said police, amount thus far to three fourths of the amount of their pay. thus showing that for a very small amount, the city has been divested of its robbers and restored again to its former peace and quiet. I hope therefore that the appointments will meet with your cordial concurrence, and I would advise the council to keep on duty the coming month about one half the present number of police, viz: five.

I would also beg leave to submit a few important matters concerning the interest of the city, to your consideration, and the first is a general examination of the grade of the city. There appears to be great errors in the present grade, and they cannot be corrected too soon. The city at present has a very competent engineer, and I would advise the council that he be instructed to make a thorough examination of the grade and report to the council as early as practicable the result of the same. I would also advise that the said engineer be instructed to draw profiles with a view of running the water from Highland or Spencer street to the Mississippi river. through Eagle, Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Adams, Dock, and Broadway streets, without disturbing the present grade of Illinois Street. And I would further advise the council to appropriate immediately $200. on each of the above named streets, which amount I believe could be advantageously expended in excavating and filling of these streets, under the superintendance of an experienced supervisor.

Secondly, I would call your attention to the purchasing, for the use of the city, fire engines There are now two regularly organized fire companies, willing and ready to take charge of the Machines, and render service whenever it should be necessary.

I have made an effort to raise the amount needed for the purchase of engines by subscription, and thus far failed, only having some $1600. subscribed. I would therefore urge upon the council the necessity of appropriating $4000. for the purchase of two engines, two tenders, eight hundred or one thousand feet of hose, the construction of six or eight cisterns and the erection of two engine houses.

Thirdly

Over –

Thirdly, the erection of a market house. This matter has been before the council and discussed a number of times. Committees have been appointed to examine certain pieces of ground on which a market house could be erected and report to the council. Having failed to make a report they have been discharged by request. and other committees have been appointed, and as yet they have made no report. It appears to be a very difficult matter to get a suitable piece of ground for said purpose. And as a market house is demanded by the citizens, and as it is well known to the council that it would be a great convenience, and a source of revenue to the city, I would urge upon upon you to unite your efforts and devise some plan whereby the speedy commencement and completion of said house may be effected. And I would advise the council to make an appropriation of $2500 for said market house, and build the same on the public ground on the Levee at any point between Eagle and Elk streets.

There would be in that case, no expenditure of money for ground, and I doubt not but that it would meet with general satisfaction.

It will be necessary for the city, in order to carry out the above measures, to borrow some money, as will be seen by the following, to wit:

For the purchase of fire engines $4000. For building a Market house $2500. Improvemt of all cross Streets $1500

$4000 — $2500 — $1500. = $8100.00

Present Liabilites

Amt Due M. E. Church Sep 1.	$1000.00	
" " for the apprehension of Stoddard	400.00	
" " Jos. Conway on hospital ground	400.00	
" " the several policemen	600.00	
" " drafts on treasurer for want of funds	600.00	
" " on fencing Franklin square	80.00	3080.00
		$1180.00

The revenue to be collected for the present year will amount to about $7000.00
Which shows a deficit of funds of 4080.00

1180.00

Respectfully submitted

Ben. Harper. Mayor.

July 30th 1855

The petition of M. Zimmer & Co praying council for a license to keep a Grocery for one year from date, was presented, and the prayer of the petitioner refused. For License. Ald. Smith, Copp and Kale. Against License Ald. Vansant, Bean and Albert. being a tie the Mayor gave the casting vote against license.

The petition of Joseph Lutz praying council to grant a license to retail beer within the limits of the city for one year. Laid on the table.

On motion, Ordered that Highland Street be opened and extended from Dock Street to Broadway, eighty feet in width, and that the city surveyor make a survey and report in relation thereto: and that the Mayor take such steps and proceedings as are necessary to the opening and extension thereof, and the assessment of any damages that may be occasioned thereby to the owners of said property that may be taken for the purpose, as provided by the ordinances of the city.

Ordered, that the width of sidewalks on Illinois street be established at twelve feet, and that the owners of property on said street construct sidewalks in front of their respective lots and parts of lots of the width aforesaid, and in the manner required by order heretofore passed in relation to the construction thereof: Provided, that shade trees and lamp posts and also awning posts of not more than six inches square situate on the line of the sidewalks in said street as at present constructed, be allowed to remain. On Motion adjourned to 2 Oclock. P. M.

Afternoon session, 2 O'clock. P.M.

Present. full board.

A petition was presented praying the council to pass an ordinance to prevent the erection of any wooden buildings upon the block of ground upon which the Gas Works are erected whereupon a vote being had the same was ordered to be laid on the table.

On petition of the owners of property in the vicinity of Ohio and Exchange streets and of block 37 in the Chicago or lower addition to the city of Rock Island, it is ordered, that a street to be called "Ridge Street" forty feet in width be established and opened through the centre of said block 37 and that upon a release being filed with the city clerk of the damages occasioned to the owners of property appropriated by said street that the city surveyor make the necessary survey and the Mayor take the necessary steps for opening the said street.

A Motion was made by Ald. Bean. that Eagle and Buffalo street be opened, widened extended and established so as to include all the land, lots, and blocks lying between said streets and south of Rock river street; and that the city surveyor make the requisite survey and report in relation thereto, and that the mayor take the necessary steps for ascertaining and assessing the damages to the owners of such property as it may be necessary to condemn and appropriate for the purpose aforesaid, and and in the manner provided by ordinance, which motion being seconded, was put to vote, and resulted as follows: yeas Ald. Bean, Vansant and Albert; nays Ald. Hale. Smith and Copp. The motion was therefore decided in the negative by the casting vote of the Mayor.

On Motion the proposition of Mr Herrick for the Rock Island Gas company to light the public lamps and keep the same in good order for one year from this date at $33. per annum per lamp was excepted.

On Motion, ordered that sealed proposals be received to erect a market-house at the foot of Elk Street on the public levee according to plans furnished at the

Mayors office, at the next meeting.

On Motion, ordered that the committee appointed to select a piece of ground for a potters field, have until the next regular meeting to report on the same.

Ordered. that his honor the Mayor and Doct P. Gregg be and are hereby appointed a committee to call on G. L. Davenport, for title to the burying ground, dedicated to the town of Rock Island by Col George Davenport (deceased).

Ordered. that the collector of warfage be at liberty to excuse any transient boat to the Rock Island boat-yard for repairs, to pass free of warfage.

On Motion Adjourned to July 31st/55. 9 O.clock A. M.

E. W. Swann Clerk. — Ben Harper Mayor

Adjourned meeting July 31/55

Present full board.

A communication from Henry Curtis, jr city engineer, was presented, showing errors in the present grade of the city, and recommending a general investigation of the same. The communcatoin was read, and laid over until the next regular meeting.

On motion, voted that the present night police be discharged at the expiration of their months service, and that the following named persons be duly sworn in police officers of the city for one month: Stearns Hatch, Christopher Lavie, David Reddig, James Matley and James Carroll.

On motion, ordered that the following appropriations be made for the improvement of the herein named streets, as follows: For Exchange St $300. Deer St $100. Eagle St $300. Washington St $100. Jefferson St $100. Madison St $100. Adams St $100. Broadway St $100. Dock St $100. and for Rock River street from Washington to Eagle Streets $200.00. On Motion voted an appropriation of $2500. for the building of a market house for the city.

On Motion, voted an appropriation of $4000. for the purchasing of two fire engines, tenders and hose, and the construction of six or eight cisterns, and also the erection of two engine houses. And that his honor, the Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to purchase or superintend the purchasing of the same, in as short a time as practicable.

On Motion, Ordered that the following bills be allowed

Wm Herrick for one lamp post	$40.	00
J. H. Barrett for services as policeman & removing dead horse $1.	53	00
J. D. Carmichael for one dirt scraper	15	00
Holt, Babcock & Co. 278 loads stone	69	40
C. H. Stoddard clerk at election in 53.	1	00
R. I. G. L. & Coke Co for Gas to July 1.	29	40
Do do Do Do Do Do July 31	78	40
E. M. Beardsley for jail fees –	93	70
J. D. Carmichael balance on levee improvement	9	38
Illinois St improvement. for quarrying stone on Dock St	210	75
W. R. Ayers for glass broken by blasting and putting same in	4	44
B. Fitzsimmons watering trees in public square	1	00
Specil police the day of Stoddards execution to preserve order &c	12	00
E. W. Swann service as clerk to July 25	21	66
Night police		
P. Browning twenty seven nights service	36	00
Stearns Hatch one mo service	40	00
O. J. Edgar twenty seven nights service	36	00
O. R. Furgerson 1 mo service $40. Chs Lavie 1 mo service $40.	80	00
David Redding 1 do do $40. James Carrol do do $40.	80	00
Peter Ward 1 mo do $40. John Mattey 1 mo do $40 Wm Vanlanschoot 1 do $40	120	00

On Motion, Ordered that his honor the Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to procure a loan of $5000. for the use and benefit of the city, payable in one year from date, with eight per cent interest, said interest payable semi-annually at the city of Rock Island.

On Motion Adjourned until 2 O clock P.M.

Afternoon seſsion 2 Oclock
Present full board.

The city council of the city of Rock Island being impreſsed with the importance of the construction of the Rock Island and Peoria rail road to the growth and prosperity of said city, it is hereby ordered by the the said city council that the said city of Rock Island take and subscribe for five hundred shares in the capital stock of the Rock Island and Peoria rail road company incorporated by an act of the general aſsembly of the state of Illinois entitled an "act to incorporate the Rock Island and Peoria rail road company" and for the payment of the said subscription to the aforesaid capital stock, the said city of Rock Island shall iſsue and deliver unto the persons authorized by the provisions of the aforesaid act of the general aſsembly to receive the same, the bonds of the said city to the amount of fifty thousand dollars bearing interest at the rate of ~~eight~~ ten per cent per annum and be made redeemable in fifteen years from the date of their iſsue, which said bonds shall be made payable to the order of the said Rock Island and Peoria Rail Road company, and shall be iſsued and delivered to the said company at such times and for such amounts as the stockholders of the said company as may be required by aſseſsments made in pursuance of the act incorporating the said rail road company.

It is hereby further ordered that an election be held in the several wards of the city of Rock Island, at the usual place of voting in said wards on the eighth day of September next, at which the qualified voters of said city may vote for or against the subscription by said city to to the stock of the aforesaid rail road company as above made and ordered, and if a majority of the voters of said city, (taking as a standard the number of votes thrown at the last general election in said city for county officers shall be for said subscription then the aforesaid subscription shall be made as above ordered, but if a majority of the said voters shall be against the same, then the above order is to be void and of no effect; it is further ordered that the clerk of this board give notice of said election as required by an act of the general assembly approved November 6th 1849. entitled an "act supplemental to an act entitled "an act to provide for a general system of rail road incorporations," and which said election shall be conducted and returns thereof made as is required in other city elections.

On Motion the following entitled ordinances were read and adopted viz:

"An Ordinance amendatory of an ordinance providing for the recovery and appropriation of fines and forfeitures and the enforcement of penalties.

"An Ordinance relating to streets, avenues and alleys."

"An Ordinance to license and regulate porters and fix the rate of porterage.

On Motion, Ordered that the Mayor and city attorney be a committee to make a compilation and revision of all the ordinances of the city, and to have the same printed and published in book or pamphlet form, as early as practicable.

Adjourned

Ben Harper
Mayor.

E. M. Evans

Approved excepting 8 pr ct in lieu of 10 in $50. Stock.—

Special Meeting Aug 16th 1855

Present

Full board.

The proceedings of the last meeting having been called for & read. the same was approved after correcting an error in regard to, the percentage on bonds in relation to the R. & P. R. Road company from 8 to 10 per cent.

On motion it was ordered that the proposals for the building of a Market house be opened and read. whereupon three were submitted, and on motion it was voted that the contract be let to the lowest bidder. viz: Messrs Atkinson & McLelland at $2550.

A. Petition from Peter Beer was presented, praying council for a license to retail bee within the limits of the city, when on motion the same was rejected.

On Motion, ordered that Porters & Runners license shall be $15. per annum from this date.

On motion the following bills were allowed viz:

P. S. Albert for lighting lamps from 18th June to July 1st	$3.80
David Redding for lighting lamps from July 1 to Aug 2. (all dark nights)	20.00
J. R. Raymond for printing tax schedule bills	16.00

On motion voted an appropriation of $200. for the improvement of Orleans street from Jefferson to Broadway street.

On motion, ordered that his honor the Mayor, contract for the digging of the foundation and cellar for the market house and superintend the same.

On Motion, Ordered that the tax on real and personal property within the limits of the city of Rock Island be levied at one half per cent, viz 50 cts to the $100. for the present year.
David Reddig's bond as policeman was presented, and on motion approved.
On Motion adjourned

E. N. Seraw, Clerk Ben Harper Mayor.

Approved

City Council Regular Meeting Aug 20 th 1855

Present, His Honor, the Mayor, Ald. Albert. Kale. Smith & Bean.

On Motion, Col. J. B. Danforth Jr is hereby solicited to receive a vote of thanks from this board, for the two bound files of the Daily Republican, presented by him to the city council

On Motion, Ordered, that the Mayor be and is hereby appointed a committee authorized to confer with, and settle and adjust all difficulties heretofore existing between Messrs Wm Frizzel and L. M. Webber and the city of Rock Island, now in suit.

On Motion, Ordered, that J. L. Bean supervisor of first ward, draw on the treasury for $100. for the appropriation made for Exchange street, for the use of said street.

On Motion the following bills were allowed. Viz:

B. Fitzimmons for removing dead hog from Illinois Street	$1.

N. Lettig. for digging well for hospital $45.00

P. S. Albert. for filling and grading the following named sidewalks viz:

Eagle St.	Sidewalk	in front	of Block	1.	Lot 1	Spencer & case's addition		12.00
Elk St.	Do	"	Do	Do 7.	" 6	Thompson & Wells	Do	12.00
Elk St.	Do	"	Do	Do 7	" 7	Do & Do	Do	12.00
Elk St.	Do	"	Do	Do 7	" 1	Do & Do	Do	12.00
R. River St.	Do	"	Do	Do 2	" 2	Do & Do	Do	10.00
Orleans St.	Do	"	Do	Do 15	" 2	Old Town		4.50
R. River St.	Do	"	Do	Do 20	" 6	Spencer & Case's	Do	12.00
R. River St	Do	"	Do	Do 20	" 8	Do & Do	Do	14.00
Eagle St	Do	"	Do	Do 14	" 7	Old Town	"	6.00
Orleans St	Do	"	Do	Do 13	, 7	Do Do		6.50
Elk St.	Do	"	Do	Do 2	" 7	Thompson & Wells	Do	6.50
R. River St & Buffalo	Do	"	Do	Do 2	" 1	Do & Do	Do	10.00
East & West Eagle Sts. in front of gas buildings								12.00
								$129.50

On Motion the following entitled ordinance was read and adopted. viz:

"An Ordinance relating to sidewalks."

On Motion adjourned

Ben Harper Mayor

E. W. Swann Clerk.

Aug 20th 1855. Approved

City Council

Special Meeting Aug 29th

Present

his honr. the mayor, ald Copp. Kale. Smith. Albert & Bean.

The proceedings of the two last meetings having been called for and read. On motion the same were approved

On motion. Ordered that the clerk be and is hereby instructed to ascertain the amount of taxable property, situate in that part of the city which is now lit up with Gas. and report at the next regular meeting according to ordinance in relation to the same.

A petition of George Fleming was presented. praying council to grant him a license to retail spirituous liquors at his stand on Water Street for one year from the 1st of August 1855. on specific conditions. the same was discussed by the board. and on motion laid on the table for the next regular meeting.

On motion ordered that the city bonds now offered for sale. be made payable at the office of A. C. Flagg. in the City of New York instead of Rock Island (as ordered at the last meeting)

On Motion. Ordered that the Mayor, is hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer for the necessary funds to defray his expences to and from the city of New York (for the purchasing of engines &c)

On Motion the following bills were allowed Viz:

Cook & Dillon for making abstract title to Union Square	$ 25.00
J. L. Bean for excavating the market house cellar and superintending the same	82.50
P. J. Albert. Supervisor of 2nd Ward. appropriation made on Washington Street	100.00
E. W. Swann 1 mo services as clerk to Aug 25	41.66

Adjourned

E. W. Swann
Clerk

Ben Harper
Mayor

Aug 29th 1855

Approved

City Council Special Meeting

September 1st/55

Present.

Ald. Smith, Copp, Hale, Albert and Bean, His honor the Mayor, being absent, Ald. Hale was chosen to act pro. tem.

On motion, the following named gentlemen were chosen Judges of election to be holden on the 8th day of September next. First Ward. Robert Andrews & Jacob Norris, Second Ward Wm L. Lee & John Thompson. Third Ward. Wm Bailey and Wm Frizzell.

On motion ordered that the city engineer be instructed to survey a certain piece of land, required to streighten East Eagle Street to the county road. leading to Mr Carr, and report the number of feet of ground, and the owners of the same, if any, at the next meeting.

On motion, ordered that Highland street be opened and extended from Dock street to Broadway, eighty feet in width, and that the city surveyor make a survey and report in relation thereto, and that the the mayor take such steps and proceedings as are neceſsary to the opening and extension thereof, and the aſseſsment of any damages that may be occaſsioned thereby to the owners of said property that may be taken for the purpose as provided by the ordinance of the city.

On motion ordered that a street to be called "Ridge Street" forty feet in width be established and opened through the centre of Block 37 in the lower addition and that upon a release being filed with the city clerk of the damages occaſsioned to the owners of property appropriated by said street, that the city surveyor make the neceſsary survey and the mayor take the neceſsary steps for opening the said street.

On motion "an ordinance relating to sidewalks" was read and adopted.

Adjourned.

E. W. Swann. Wm Kale Mayor
Clerk. pro tem.

Approved

City Council – Special Meeting Sep 10/55

Present. his honor the Mayor, Ald Albert, Kale. Smith Copp & Vansants

The proceedings of the two last meetings were called for. and read. and on motion were approved.

On motion ordered that the aſseſsor be and is hereby authorized to reduce the aſseſsment of John W. Spencer's real estate from $17000. to $7000. for the present year as per petition for the same.

On motion ordered that the aſseſsor be authorized to credit Benj Stickney with one half acre of ground occupied by the C. & R. I. R. R. Co being aſseſsed in the said Stickneys aſseſsment.

On motion ordered that the aſseſsor be authorized to rectify a mistake in his aſseſsment book in relation to Lot 4 Block 7 in Spencer Harr Add.

On motion ordered that the clerk make a copy of the aſseſsment of real and personal property. as returned by the aſseſsor.

On motion the poll books which were returned from the several wards were accepted and ordered to be placed on file. The vote was as follows.

1 st	Ward	for	subscription	105
2 nd	"	"	"	113
3 d	"	"	"	209
	Total			427

A petition from Thos Forrest was presented praying council for a license to retail spirituous liquors at his stand on Illinois Street in Block 3 Lot 8 Spencer Cases addition for one year from this date, a motion being had the same was granted.

License not taken out

A petition from Michl Zimmer & Co was presented praying council for a license to keep and sell spirituous liquors at their stand in Block 9 Lot 3 Spencer Cases addition, for one year from this date, a motion being had the same was granted.

License not taken out

On motion the following bills were allowed viz:

E. M. Beardsley for jail fees &c	36.75
John Motley for 1 mo services as policeman to Sep 3d	40.00
" " " services rendered on the day of Stoddards Execu	1.00
" " " removing dead hog	.50
Stearns Hatch " 1 mo services as policeman to Sep 3d	20.00
" " " serving on the day of Stoddards Execution	1.00
Dav^d Reddig " 1 mo services as policeman to Sep 3d	40.00
" " " serving on the day of Stoddards Execution	1.00
Christ Larie " 1 mo services as policeman to Sep 3d	40.00
" " " serving on the day of Stoddards execution	1.00
James Carrol " 1 mo services as policeman to Sep 3d	40.00
" " " serving on the day of Stoddards Execu	1.00
O. H. Ferguson for serving on the day of Stoddards execu	1.00
E. C. Cropper for drafting plans for Market house	10.00
Geo Biddison " drafting plan of hospital and Engine house.	10.00

R. H. Andrews for Judging at election in 1st ward	1.00
Geo D. Bromley " " " " " " "	1.00
C. G. Hayes " Clerking " " " " "	1.00
James Ellis " Judging " " " 2nd "	1.00
J. Thompson " " " " " " "	1.00
J. P. Webb " Clerking " " " " "	1.00
H. L. Cunele " Judging " " " 3d "	1.00
Wm Frizzell " " " " " " "	1.00
O. K. Ferguson " Clerking " " " " "	1.00
P. S. Albert supervisor of 3rd Ward of the appropriation made on Eagle Street	100.00
" " " " " " appropriation made on Rock River St	100.00
J. D. Carmichael of the appropriation on Broadway St	50.00
" " " " " " " Dock St	50.00
" " " " " " " Adams St	50.00

On Motion Adjourned

Ben Harper
Mayor

E. W. Swans Clerk

City Council Regular Session Sep 17th /55

On motion adjourned to meet Sep 18th at 2 O'clock P.M.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present full board

On motion A. S. Swander was appointed clerk pro. tem.

Committee to procure ground on which to build an engine house reported progress, and committee, continued.

Committee to procure burying ground for city purpose reported progress, and committee continued.

A petition from H. Hakes in relation to R. I. & P. R. R. was read and the following appropriations made.

To supply deficiency in making preliminary survey	$50.00
To procure rail road maps for the use of the city	$100.

A petition was received from John Zeigler praying for a license to keep a grocery for one year at his stand styled "Washington House" on Front street, on Block 1 Lot 8 Spencer & Case's Add. On Motion the license was granted.

A. Petition from Thomas Forest praying for a beer License at the Palisade Saloon was received, and on motion the same was laid on the table.

A Petition from — praying for a license to keep a grocery for one year in the basement story of Smith & Lathrop's block was received, and on motion the same was granted.

A Petition from Fredk Heils praying for a license to keep a Grocery for one year at his stand on Water Street on Lot 1 Block 3 in Spencer & Case's Addn was received, on motion the license was granted.

A petition from Judson Dickenson praying for a License to keep a grocery for one year at the frame house on Lot 10 block 2 in Spencer & Cases Addn was received. On motion the License was granted.

On motion Ald. Copp was appointed a committee to confer with the gas company in reference to extending the gas pipes down Front St as far as Elk street.

The following appropriations and allowances were then made to wit:

To Supervisor Albert of the appropriation made on eagle street	$100.00
" Rock Island gas Company as pr bill on file	82.00
" Illinois Street improvement	800.00
" Exchange Street	300.00

Bill of J. H. Kinney for altering and seting lamp posts was received and laid on the table.

Bill of A. F. Cutter for making the City aſseſsment for the year 1855 and taking the cencus of the city, was received, and laid on the table.

Report of A F Cutter was received in relation to the cencus of the city in which he reports the cencus to be 4580, and has no doubt that if the transient persons had been counted, the cencus would reach 7000.

On Motion the aſseſsor was directed to correct his aſseſsment on lots or parts of lots 8 and 9 in Block 3 in Bailey & Boyle's Addition as per petition on file. Adjourned.

Ben Harper Mayor

Alex. F. Swander Clerk pro. tem.

City Council Special Meeting Sep 21st/55

Present his honr the Mayor Ald Copp, Kale & Smith.

The mayor explained the business of the meeting, and on motion ordered, that the copy of the assessors book pass into the collectors hands for collecting, he filing a receipt for the amount of taxes in the same, to be collected by the first day of November next

On motion ordered that a gas tax of two mills on the dollar be levied upon all real estate liable to such taxation except the real estate in the neighborhood of the 4 gas posts lately put up at the corner where Swan and Ohio Streets cross Illinois Street where said tax shall be one mill on the dollar for present year ending the 25 th day of December next.

On motion ordered that the Gas assessment pass into the collectors hands for collection, he filing a receipt for the amount of taxes in the same, to be collected by the first day of Novembr next.

Adjourned

C. W. Swann
Clerk

Ben Hayse
Mayor.

Approved

City Council Special Meeting Oct 6th 1855

Present his honor the Mayor. Ald, Albert, Kale, Vansant, Smith, Copp and Bean.

On motion, Alex J Swander was appointed clerk pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion approved. The resignation of J. W. Vansant as Alderman of the first ward to take effect on the fourth day of November 1855 was received and on motion the same was accepted.

On motion, it was ordered that the clerk pro tem be instructed to give notice in the city papers that an election will be held on Monday, the fifth day of November next for the election of the following city officers for the ensuing year, to wit:

One Mayor; One Alderman in the first ward for one year;
One Alderman " " " " two years;
One Alderman " " second " " two years;
One Alderman " " third " " two years;

The following persons were appointed judges of said election to wit;
In the first ward Erastus Babbit & John R. Corker
In the second ward John Thompson & Peter S. Albert
In the third ward William Frizzel & Henry Zeigler

On motion, ordered that the judges and clerks of election be allowed $1.50 per day.

On motion, the following are the places designated for holding said elections: In the first ward in the brick school house. In the second ward at the Mayors office. And in the third ward in the school house on the public square. And it is further ordered that the polls are to be opened at 8 Oclock A.M and close at 6 Oclock P.M.

On motion his honor the Mayor was appointed to cast the vote of the city of Rock Island at the coming election for directors of the Rock Island and Peoria rail road.

On motion the following licenses were granted.

To Erastus Downie for 3 billiard tables in the Rock Island house for one year.

Burditt Hanger grocery in the basement of the Island city Hotel from this date.

John Hartell in the Kossuth House 1 year from Sep 18th

John Munin in Chicago Retreat 1 year from Sep 18th

Anthony Bretcher in the Varieties saloon 1 year from Sep 19th

Davd Nunan in the Mansion house 1 year from Sep 18"

All the above licenses to be valid whenever the ordinances relating to licenses are complied with.

On motion the following orders were allowed to Wit;

To C. Atkinson as part pay for building market house to be iſsued in three orders of $100. each $300.

To Mayor Harper expences to New York on city busineſs 70.00

To P. S. Albert to be expended on Washington street from Illinois street to the river. $100.

To P. S. Albert of the appropriation on Jefferson Street $100.

To P. S. Albert of the appropriation on Eagle Street $100.

To J. L. Boan of the appropriation on Otter Street $100.

To J. H. Kinney as pr bill on file for resetting lamp posts $10.

To S. Hatch as per bill on file for watchman $40.

To A. F Cutter as per bill on file for city aſseſsment $200.

Ordered that the city attorney be instructed to commence and prosecute suits against all delinquents within the city limits as extended, for taxes remaining unpaid for the year 1854 and said attorney be authorized to employ such assistant council in the prosecution of the same as he may deem necessary.

A proposition was received from E. Lanthrop to sell five acres of ground to the city for burial purposes, and the same was referred to the appropriate committee

On motion adjourned.

Ben Harper
Mayor

A. F. Swander, Clerk Pro. tem.

Approved Oct 18 th 1855.

City Council - Regular Meeting Oct 15th /55

Present, his honor the mayor, Ald. Albert, Kale, Copp & Bean.

The proceedings of the last meeting were called for and read and on motion, approved.

Committee appointed to procure a piece of ground for burial purposes for city, continued.

Committee appointed to procure a title to the burying ground dedicated to the town of Rock Island by Col Geo Davenport, deceased, continued.

A report from H. Curtis Jr, city engineer showing the amount of land in a certain strip necessary to straighten Eagle street was read, and on motion, the following named committee were appointed to confer with parties and ascertain the true title thereto viz:
Mayor Harper, Jacob Sailor and Amos Cutter.

On motion ordered that the supervisor of sidewalks in 3d ward be, and is hereby authorized to notify owners of property on both sides of Jefferson from Illinois to Rock River street to widen and improve sidewalks in front of their respective lots; and also, supervisor of 2nd ward to notify owners on both sides of the whole length of Pleasant street, to widen and improve sidewalks in front of their respective lots, or so much of said street as lies in Thompson & Wells' addition.

On motion, ordered, that the transfer of grocery license from Jacob Goldsmith to E. & H. Wollman, be, and the same is hereby approved, they giving bonds for the faithful conformity to all

Ordinances, regulating such licensed houses.

On motion the following orders were allowed viz:

P. S. Albert, of the appropriation on Rock River Street	$100.
J. L. Bean " " " " Otter Street	$100.

On motion ordered an appropriation of $300. to be expended on Illinois Street improvements

On motion the following bills were allowed viz:

E. M. Beardsley.	for jail fees &c	$50.85
Henry Curtis Jr	" engineering services	55.68
R. I. Gas L. & Coke Co	for use of Gas & lighting to Oct 6	85.25
Patrick Quinn & Wife	" Work done at hospital	15.00

Patrick Quinn & Wife's bill for nursing & boarding sick at hospital, referred to Drs Brackett & Buckley.

On motion, adjourned to Friday evening at 7. Oclo

E. W. Swann Clerk. Ben Harper Mayor

Approved Oct 22/55

Special Meeting. Oct 22d 1855

Present his honor the Mayor, Ald Albert, Smith, Copp & Kale.

The proceedings of the last meeting were called for, read, and on motion approved.

A petition from R. Wakes esqr. was presented, earnestly requesting that the proper ordinance may be passed ceding a right of way through streets to the R. I. & P. rail road company and also for the leasing for a term of ninety nine years that portion of ground being on the bank of the river opposite Blocks 2 and 3 for depot purposes; when on motion Ald Copp, Kale & Smith were appointed a committee to confer with the R. I. & P. Rail Road company in relation to the location of the depot grounds in front of said blocks; and also to examine whether or not any privilege has been granted to the Warsaw railroad company for said ground, and report at the next meeting.

Petitions from the following named persons were presented praying council for a license to keep a grocery at their respective stands for one year, when, on motion, the petitions were granted. Viz:

W. C. Tanner on Water St on Block 3 Lot 2 Spencer & Cases add for one year from the 16th day of Oct 1855.

Fredk Ridenbaugh on Eagle St on Block 13 Lot 1 Old Town, for one year from the 17th day of Oct 1855.

Patrick Bates, on Water Street in Block 3 Lot 3 Spencer & Cases add for one year from the 16th day of Oct 1855.

B. C. Smith Madison Street Block 3 Lot 4 Spencer & Cases add for one year from 16th day of Oct 1855.

John Lidders Water Street Block 3 Lot 1 Spencer & Cases add for one year from the 13th day of Oct 1855.

Petition from Charls L. Pardee was presented praying council for a License to retail beer at his stand styled "Young America" being on Block 10 Lot 1 Spencer Case. add when, on motion, the same was granted for one year from the 20th day of Oct 1855.

Petition from John Blake was presented praying that a license given to him to retail beer at his stand in Block 7 Lot 10 Spencer & Cases add. on motion, the petition was granted for one year from the 20th day of Oct 1855.

On Motion, ordered that the suit of the city against Wm Frizzell be dismissed, both parties paying their own costs in said suit, in consideration of the following bills allowed Wm Frizzell viz $136.00

On motion the following bills were allowed viz

Wm Frizzell for amt pd N. B. Buford, for street labor	$ 25.00
Do Do " " " City on Chicago Retreat license	25.00
Do Do " " " B. F. Barrett for ditching slough	5.00
Do Do " " " Two men for attending cholera patients	6.00
Do Do " services & expences to Springfield on City business	(75.00
	$ 136.00
James Carroll for half Mo services as policeman to Sep 18	20.00
Davd Redding " 1 mo Do " " " Oct 3d	40.00
Chris Lavin " 1 mo Do " " " Oct 3d	40.00
John Matley " 1 mo Do " " " Oct 3d	40.00
Peter Ward " 1 mo Do " " " Oct 18th	40.00
Greek Slave for damage done her wheel while landing on Levee	18.40
J. D. Carmichael of the appropriation on Orleans Street	200.00

Continued ——

Afternoon Seſsion, 2 Oclock P. M.

Present as forenoon.

Mayor Harper superintendant of the erection and completion of the market house, reports completed, and, on motion, the same is received from Meſsrs Atkinson & Mc Lelland; and the following orders drawn payable to the said Atkinson & Mc Lelland as balance due on said building, viz:

Atkinson & Mc Clelland:

Two orders of $500. each	$1000.00
Five orders of $200. each	1000.00
One Do " 172.50	172.50
	$2172.50

Adjourned

E. W. Swann Clerk   Ben Harper Mayor

Approved Oct 29/55.

Special Meeting Oct 29th /55

Present; his honor the mayor, Ald. Albert, Smith, Copp, Vansant & Bean.

Proceedings of last meeting read, and on motion approved.

Committee, appointed at last meeting to confer with the R. I. & P. Rail Road Company, by motion of Ald Bean, continued, the same to report at the next meeting.

On motion, Ordered, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign a contract heretofore entered into by Messrs Spencer & Robinson, and the city of Rock Island, and the same be placed on record, in connection with the proceedings of this meeting.

On Motion Ordered that the Clerk be and is hereby instructed to procure one of "Bullards' seal presses," for the use of the city.

This day was filed the report of the jury for the assessment of damages, and the opening of a street through block 37. lower addn. and the same being considered, it is ordered, that a street be not established or located through said block.

This day was filed the report of the jury for the assessment of damages by the opening and extension of Highland street from its present termination near Dock street to Broadway, and it is ordered, that the said street be not opened, or extended, unless persons specially interested therein shall pay the amount of the damages assessed, on or before the first day of December next; and if the same shall be so paid, that the street be then extended and opened.

A petition from W. F. Grovenberg was presented, praying council to grant him a license to auctioneer within the limits of the city, on motion the same is granted.

On Motion the following bills were allowed, viz:

P. L. Albert of the appropriation on Eagle Street	$100.00
S. L. Bean " " " Madison Street	100.00
A. F. Swander for amt overpaid treasurer on A/c of fines	3.05
E. W. Swann for 2 mo services as clerk to Oct 25. & Books, paper Stocks	86.62

On Motion, Ordered that H. Anderson be allowed $236.80 for bill of curbing stone for city, he filing a receipt in full of all demands to date.

T. R. Raymonds bill for printing blanks laid on the table.

* Reticker & Noyes bill referred to hospital furnishing committee.

On Motion adjourned to Wednesday evening at 7 O.clock

E. W. Swann
Clerk.

Ben Harper Mayor.

T. R. Raymonds bill to A. F. Swander for printing blanks for P. Magistrate — on motion laid on table.

* correct

Approved Oct 31. A/55

Whereas at a meeting of the Mayor and Alderman held on the day of January last, the following contract was made and entered into between the city of Rock Island on the one part, and John W. Spencer & Thos J Robinson of the other part, but the same not being then committed to writing, and the clerk having failed to enter or record any minutes or account thereof,

It is ordered that the said contract be now entered into by the city with the said parties, and that the same be signed by the Mayor on the part of the city, and being signed by the parties of the other part that the clerk enter the said contract on the records in full

Copy of Contract

This agreement made and entered into this twenty ninth day of October A D 1855, by and between the city of Rock Island in its corporate capacity, party of the first part, and John W Spencer and Thomas J Robinson parties of the second part, all of the County of Rock Island in the State of Illinois, Witneſseth, That the said city of Rock Island in its corporate capacity for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand dollars paid to the said city by the parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the payments, covenants and and agreements herein after mentioned and by the said parties of the second part to be made, kept and performed, has assigned, transferred, set over and released, and by these presents does assign, transfer set over and release unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs, executors, administrators and aſsigns all and singular the rights and priviledges granted and secured to the said city under and by virtue of an act of the general aſsembly of the State of Illinois entitled "An Act for the relief of John Wilson approved February 2nd 1849. To have and to hold, all of the said rights and priviledges unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs, executors, administrators and aſsigns for and during the remainder of the term for which the rights and priviledges in said act named, are by said act granted and secured to the said John Wilson, that is to say, until the 26th day of February A.D. 1861. And also the right to use ~~said~~ said during the term aforesaid so much of the public landing on the north side of Miſsiſsippi Street in said city, as lies north and in front of Washington Street and Block one in Spencer &Case addition in said city, for the purposes and uses of ferry landing. And also the right to use for the aforesaid term a strip of ground on said Miſsiſsippi Street in front of and of the same width as Lot five in the aforesaid block One, and running from a line eighty feet north of said lot five, to the Miſsiſsippi River, for the purpose of depositing thereon coal and fuel for the use of the ferry boats belonging to said parties of the second part, their heirs or assigns. And the said City of Rock Island in its corporate capacity doth covenant and agree to & with the parties of the second part, their heirs executors, administrators and aſsigns, that the said city will not during the term aforesaid, grant to any other person or persons whatsoever any ferry rights or priviledges acroſs the Miſsiſsippi River, or at or within said city, and that it will do no other act or thing to hinder, disturb or injure the parties of the second part, their heirs, executors, administrators or aſsigns, in the exercise and enjoyment of the rights and priviledges herein granted to them, or that are granted and secured to them or the said John Wilson by the act of the general aſsembly aforesaid, but that the said parties of the second part their heirs executors administrators and aſsigns may during the term aforesaid, have exercise and enjoy all and singular the said rights and priviledges without any hinderance obstruction or interference of the said city, or of any person or persons claiming under the said city. And the said parties of the second part in consideration of the premises aforesaid, for themselves, their heirs, executors administrators and aſsigns do hereby covenant and agree with the said city of Rock Island in its said corporate capacity, that they the said parties of the second part, their heirs, administrators executors and assigns, will well and truly pay to the said city, the sum of One thousand dollars in five equal instalments of Two hundred dollars each, on the first day of January of each and every year hereafter, until the whole of said sum of One thousand dollars is paid, And also that in the event that the city of Rock Island shall at any time hereafter make application to the Legislature of the State of Illinois for any ferry rights or privileges across the Mississippi River or at and within the said city, to commence at the expiration of the term mentioned and limited in the act of the general assembly aforesaid, that they the said parties of the second part, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns will not in any manner oppose, hinder or obstruct the said city in such application.

In Witness whereof Ben Harper Mayor of the said city of Rock Island for and in behalf of the said city, and by direction of the City Council thereof, has hereto set his hand and affixed the seal of the said city.

And the said John W. Spencer and Thomas J Robinson have also on their part set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written

Copy of Signatures Ben Harper Seal Mayor of the
City of Rock Island, Illinois,
John W. Spencer Seal
Thos J Robinson Seal

City Council Adjourned meeting Oct 31st/55

Present, full board.

Proceedings of last meeting read. and on motion ordered. that: that portion in reference to J. R. Raymonds bill. be altered to A. F. Sevander for printing Police Magistrates blanks; laid on the table. After which the same was approved.

Committee to report in reference to R. I. & P. R. R. Company. by request continued.

On motion, ordered that the bill for the Mccadamizing of Illinois Street, (so far as the same has been done and contracted for) shall be paid by the city of Rock Island, excepting curbing for the same which is to be paid by the respective owners of lots and parts of lots fronting on said street.

On motion, ordered that the clerk be, and is hereby instructed to make out bills for curbing and reseting old curbing against the owners of lots and parts of lots fronting on Illinois Street. (so far as has been curbed) according to the number of feet owned by them respectively, and place the same in the collectors hand, for collection,

On motion, ordered, that the following report from this honor the mayor, be excepted, and the same placed on file,

Gentlemen: I have instructed the Hon A. C. Flagg treasurer of the C. & R. I. R. R Company to pay the interest on the city bonds due in New York on the 1st ult and forward the interest coupons immediately, the same to be paid with the Railroad dividend, he having the exact amount in his hands to do so

Oct 31/55 Respectfuly Submitted

Ben Harper Mayor

On motion, ordered, that a committee of two be appointed to examine accounts of the several supervisors, and settle with the same, for which said committee shall receive for services $2. each; Com. Ald. Hale, & Hopp.

A petition from Patrick Bates was presented praying for a license to retail Beer, at his stand on Water street. The same being considered it was rejected.

On motion the following bills were allowed: viz:

P. J. Albert for hauling dirt on Eagle street	$4.75
J. W. Vansant " plank for bridges	7.70
Philip Simmons " watering trees in public square	2.00
Sargent & Bollman for Smith work	6.70
Adams & Co " Smith work	38.90
J. D. Carmichael for raising and improving sidewalks in front of Block 13 lot 4 Spen & Case add	12.00
J. D. Carmichael for raising and improving sidewalks in front of Block 10 lot 6 Spen & Case add.	9.50
J. D. Carmichael appropriation on Lock street	50.00
J. D. Carmichael appropriation on Adams Street	50.00
J. C. Bean appropriation on Otter Street	100.00

On Motion, adjourned to Friday evening at 6½ O. clock.

Ben Harper
Mayor

E. W. Swann
Clerk

Approved Nov 2nd with amendments

City Council Adjourned Meeting Nov 2nd

Present full board.

Proceedings of last meeting read, when it was moved by Ald Kale that the same stand approved. A vote being had the motion was lost, after which Ald Copp moved that the Yeas & Nays be recorded in reference to the city paying for Illinois street improvement. The motion being seconded, it was voted to record the same as follows viz: for city paying for said improvement Ald Kale, Bean & Vansant. Against city paying for said improvement Ald. Copp, Smith & Albert. being a tie in voting, his honor the mayor gave his vote in favor of the city paying for said improvement after which, on motion, the minutes were approved, with the above amendment.

On motion ordered, that the collector have until the 11th day of November to make collections of taxes.

On motion, ordered an appropriation of $ 209.72 for Illinois Street improvement,

On motion the following bills were allowed viz

Harper & Steel	for nails & lime	.95
A. J. Lenox	" repairing plough	1.25
J. S. Gilmore	" powder & Safety fuse	32.01
A. A. McKee	" shovels & pick handles	1.40
T. J. Whitlock	" removing dead cow.	2.00
Gas Coke Co	for gas & lighting lamps, to Nov 1	85.25

On motion adjourned to Wednesday next at 2. Oclock P. M.

E. W. Swann Clerk Ben Harper Mayor

Nov 8/[illegible] approved

City Council Adjourned meeting Nov 7th

Present, his honor the Mayor. Ald. Albert. Hale. Smith. Copp & Bean.

Proceedings of last meeting read, and on motion, approved.

Committee appointed to examine accounts of Supervisors of 1st 2nd & 3d Wards in reference to appropriations for said wards, report accounts as follows, viz:

P. S. Albert, overworked appropriations on streets 2nd Ward,	$26.86
P. S. Albert time not included, 48 days superintendance @ $1.50	72.00
	$98.86
J. L. Bean, overworked appropriations on streets in 1st ward	19.05
J. L. Bean's time not included, 53 days superintendance @ $1.50	79.50
	$98.55
J. D. Carmichael. Illinois St improvement, appropriations on Streets in 3d ward, and Poll tax of said ward, overdrawn	$00.88

Committee Ald. Copp. & Hale.

On motion the above report was excepted. and ordered to be placed on file, and that the following orders be drawn, viz:

P. S. Albert appropriation for 2nd ward & time	$98.86
J. L. Bean Do do 1st Do " Do	98.55
J. D. Carmichael balance of appropriation on broadway	50.00

On motion the following bills were allowed viz:

Bailey & Boyle for rent of Council room to Nov 10th 6 mo	30.00
J. M. Moore for crowbars, shovels &c	5.70
Holt, Babcock & Co for 25 loads stone	10.00
Albert & Struck for removing dead ox	2.00
Lowry, Thomas & Co for 1 load coal	2.50
Bailey Davenport for 300 loads stone	25.00

Mains Hatch	for	1	mo	service as	policeman	to Nov 3	40.00
Davd Redelig	"	1	"	Do "	Do	" " "	40.00
John Matley	"	1	"	Do "	Do	" " "	40.00
Christ Lavell	"	1	"	Do "	Do	" " "	40.00
Peter Ward	"	1/2	"	Do "	Do	" " "	20.00

Petition from S. R. Harrington was presented praying council for a license to keep a "ten pin alley" at his stand on Water Street Spencer & Cases Add. for 1 year from the 1st day of November 1855, when, on motion, it was ordered that the same be granted for said time for the sum of $50.

On motion ordered that a committee of two be appointed to examine accounts of the following named officers viz:- Marshal, harbor master, collector, treasurer & clerk, for which they shall receive for said services $2. per day each.

Committee Ald. Smith & Bean.

On motion adjourned to Thursday Morning 7½ O clock.

E. W. Swann
Clerk

Benj Harper
Mayor

Approved Nov 8th 1855.

Adjourned Meeting Nov 8th

Present his honor the mayor, Ald Albert, Copp, Smith, Bean & Hale.

The proceedings of last meeting read, and on motion approved. The Poll Books having been returned from the several wards of the city and being now in possession of the council, it is ordered that the same be opened.

B. F. Barrett, having received a majority of all the votes cast for the office of mayor, was declared duly elected, mayor of said city for the ensuing year.

J. L. Bean and H. C. Henderson, having received a majority of all the votes cast in the first ward of said city, for aldermen, were declared duly elected, J. L. Bean for the term of two years, and H. C. Henderson for the term of one year.

B. J. Copp, having received a majority of all the votes cast in the second ward of said city, was declared duly elected alderman of said ward, for the term of two years.

Jerome S Smith having received a majority of all the votes cast in the third ward of said city, was declared duly elected alderman of said ward for the term of two years.

On Motion the following named persons were each allowed the sum annexed to their respective names for services rendered as mayor and aldermen.

Ben Harper $100. Wm Hale $50. James Copp $50. P. S. Albert $50. J. S. Smith $50. J. W. Vansant $50. J. L. Bean $50.

For services rendered as Judges & Clerks of Election.

Erastus Babbit $1.50 John Matley $1.50 Benj D Walsh $1.50 First Ward
John Thompson $1.50 P. S. Albert $1.50 Jas B Austin $1.50 Second Ward
Wm Frizzell $1.50 H Zeigler $1.50 E. C. Cuppa $1.50 Third Ward

On motion adjourned to Monday next at 9 Oclock A. M.

E. W. Swann
Clerk.

Ben Harper
Mayor

Approved Nov 12th/85.

City Council, Adjourned Meeting Nov 12th.

Present, his honor the Mayor, Ald. Kale, Smith, & Bean.

Proceedings of last meeting read, and on motion approved.

On motion ordered, that the collector have until Monday next the 20th of Nov to collect taxes for city.

On Motion ordered that Ira O. Wilkison be allowed the sum of $230.00 for services rendered, as city attorney & revising ordinances for said city, as pr bill on file.

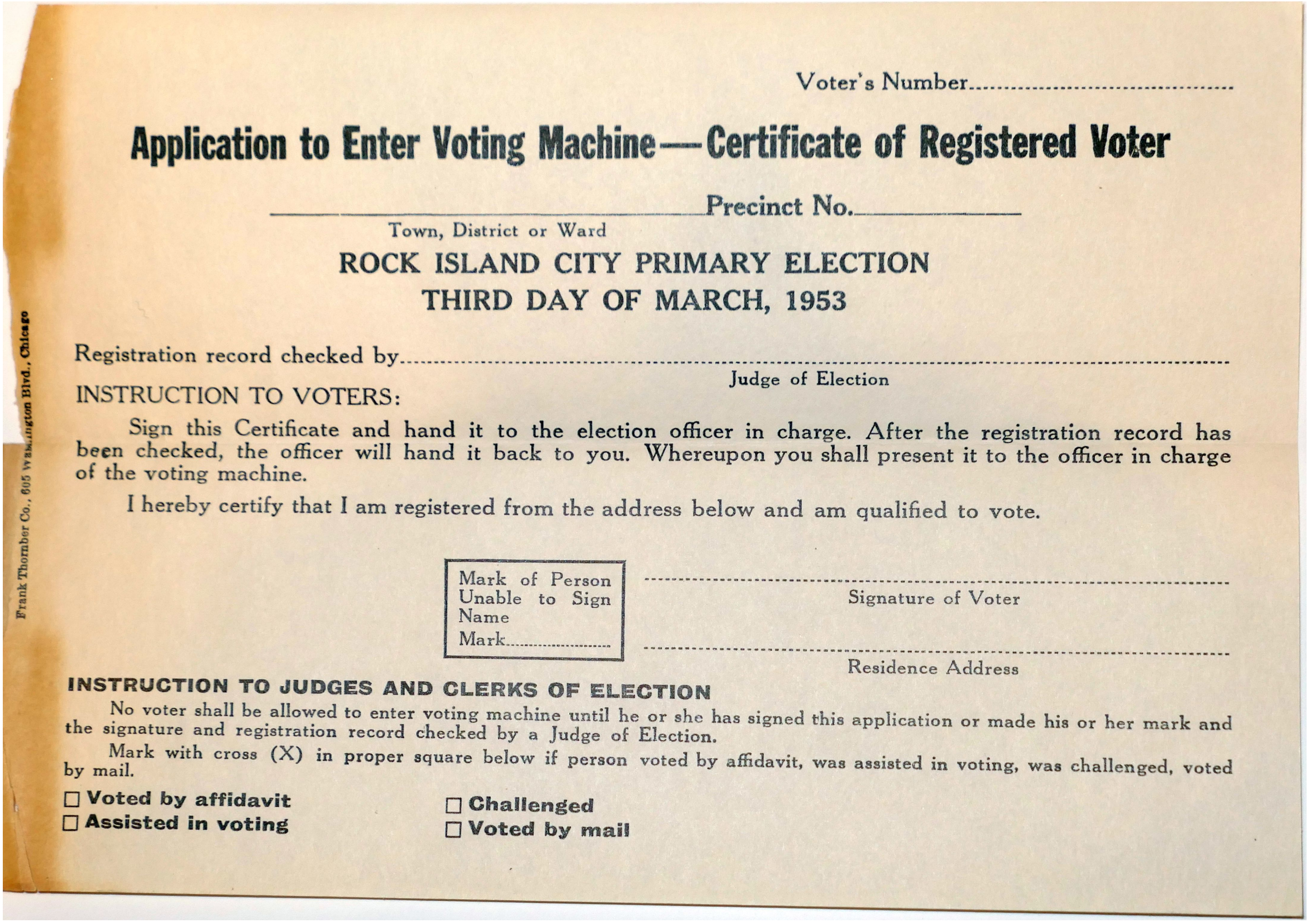
On Motion allowed Peter Ward $1. for services rendered as policeman the day of Stoddards execution.

On Motion Adjourned to Monday next at 2 Oclock P.M.

E. W. Swann
Clerk

Ben Harper
Mayor

Nov 19th. Adjourned



Voter's Number..................................

Application to Enter Voting Machine—Certificate of Registered Voter

________________________ Precinct No.____________

Town, District or Ward

ROCK ISLAND CITY PRIMARY ELECTION
THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 1953

Registration record checked by..

Judge of Election

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS:

Sign this Certificate and hand it to the election officer in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present it to the officer in charge of the voting machine.

I hereby certify that I am registered from the address below and am qualified to vote.

Mark of Person Unable to Sign Name
Mark........................

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Signature of Voter

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Residence Address

INSTRUCTION TO JUDGES AND CLERKS OF ELECTION

No voter shall be allowed to enter voting machine until he or she has signed this application or made his or her mark and the signature and registration record checked by a Judge of Election.

Mark with cross (X) in proper square below if person voted by affidavit, was assisted in voting, was challenged, voted by mail.

☐ **Voted by affidavit**
☐ **Assisted in voting**
☐ **Challenged**
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